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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yuenai ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.24	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.36	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	2.50	5.10	6.20
Taipei Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.05	5.25	6.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.40	9.05	10.10	11.00	13.00	2.15	3.15	5.35	6.45
Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.30	5.50	7.00
Shuanghui ...Arr.	7.41	8.66	9.71	10.61	12.61	2.12	3.12	5.32	6.42
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Canton ...Arr.	8.17	9.42	10.47	11.37	13.37	2.57	3.57	6.17	7.27

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Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.30	5.50	7.00
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Fanning ...Dep.	8.25	9.50	10.55	11.45	13.45	2.00	3.00	5.20	6.30
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 25th.

The British Industries Fair which opened this week at the White City in London—another section being opened simultaneously in Birmingham—is about a third bigger than last year. The Fair grows snowball-fashion from year to year. This time in London it is a show of the best goods of some 1,400 firms, and fills fifteen huge halls. It is not, of course, an exhibition in the ordinary sense that it is intended to attract visitors and sightseers who are out for pleasure, although those are there by the thousand. From first to last it is a trade mart for attracting big advance orders for new products in the home, and more especially in the overseas markets.

The Duke of York performed the opening ceremony at the White City. He was accompanied by his popular Duchess, who was so fascinated by what she saw at the stands that she held up the Royal procession several times. A display of painted wooden toys interested her particularly, these being the work of ex-Service men at the Barn Workshop, Faversham, and she refused to be hurried past. The toy section is one of the features of the show, and is a remarkable proof of the way the toy trade, which was dominated by the Germans before the war, has been captured by this country.

King and Queen Interested.

On the second day of the Fair King George and Queen Mary paid a visit, and inspected the multitudinous display in "the nation's shop window," as it is aptly called. The King was in characteristically high spirits, and was ready to see a joke and make one as he went round. His interest in wireless apparatus was intense, and there was quite the human touch in his confession that he was sometimes unable to get the station he wants. "With the best set in Buckingham Palace," he said, "I cannot cut out London when I want to get Paris or Germany. London kills everything." This is also what befalls his subjects round about London, and there is some consolation for some of us to think that King George, with his officials to run at any time to put things right with his wireless, does not always succeed. There is a bond of interest between us!

The chief expansion this year has been in chemicals, textiles and wireless apparatus, all of which have about doubled. The biggest single exhibitor is the Empire Marketing Board, with its splendid show of foodstuffs of wonderful variety grown in the Empire. What also impresses the visitor is the diverse racial mixture to be seen at the Fair. To hear the conversations going on all around calls to mind the old story of the building of the Tower of Babel. There are Americans in very large numbers, French, Japanese, men from the Argentine, from the Pacific Coast, from Germany, Italy, and nearly every part of the British Empire. And the idea is to do so that this year's Fair is the best that has yet been held.

Peking To London By Motor Car.

The papers here are beginning to prepare readers to welcome Major D. McCALLUM, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, who is on his way to England from China by motor car. He is expected to arrive soon after Easter. It is one of the most remarkable motor car journeys that has ever been undertaken. Last June Major McCALLUM started from Peking where his regiment was stationed, accompanied by his wife, two engineers and two attendants. They had two cars, one four seater and one two seater. The route taken was by French Indo-China, Siam, Burma, Penang, Singapore (thence by boat to Hong Kong), the Malay Peninsula, Malacca, Perak, Ipoh, and Seremban. (Continued on next column).

MR. G. B. SHAW ON THE CAVELL FILM.

STRONG APPROVAL OF EXHIBITION.

PICTURE "WORTHY OF A GREAT THEME."

A private performance of the Cavell film was witnessed by Mr. Bernard Shaw in London. Commenting on the suggestion that the film should be suppressed, he said: "You might as well suggest that Sir George Frampton's monument should be demolished or veiled. Are you to commemorate Edith Cavell in stone and not commemorate her in pictures? The only question to be considered is whether the film as a work of art is worthy of her. And you may take my word for it that it is."

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"He has not betrayed her by a single stroke of bitterness or rancour, much less by any triviality of idle fiction. Both actress and author have felt, and will make us feel, that the law that Edith Cavell set above the military code and died for, is an infinitely higher law than the law of war and the conceit of patriotism."

"The film can go to Germany as an English film without provoking any German to remind us that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones. It rebukes us all impartially, and will edify us impartially. I hope it will take its lesson to the ends of the earth."

Haig Memorial Cottages.

As a memorial to the late Earl Haig it is proposed to build cottages in various parts of the country for ex-Service men, and early next month a national appeal will be launched for a fund for £500,000. The occupiers of these dwellings will live rent free. The scheme is under the auspices of the British Legion, and some progress has been made. Even since last summer a Committee has been arranging for groups of houses to be built in different parts of the country. There are two at Bromyard in Herefordshire, six at Felixstowe in Suffolk, two at Knutsford, two at Huntingdon, twelve at Kettering, two at Maryport, ten at Dunstable, twelve at Chingford on the borders of Epping Forest, and two at Birmingham.

No doubt the money will be forthcoming to complete the scheme. But Major Cohen's ideas are being criticised because he suggests that all the cottages should be of the same architectural design. They are to cost £1,000 apiece. At this price it should be easily possible to erect houses that are pleasing to the eye. The experience of the last few years in regard to housing schemes carried out by municipalities proves beyond question that a standard pattern of house is not suited for all parts of England. Half the charm of the English villages lies in the infinite variety of design in the cottages that one sees. No doubt this point will receive due attention before the final decision is come to.

Meanwhile it may be said that the idea has everything to commend it. The late Earl Haig devoted his life after the war to the welfare of the ex-Service men, and was the mainstay of the British Legion. There could be nothing more appropriate to his memory than cottages where deserving men who fought in the Great War can spend the evening of their days.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Yachting: Corinthian Race. Fanling Hunt: Meet at Lok Ma Chau, 2.45.
Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. v. H.K.C.C.: Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI. v. Tamar: H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. 15th Brigade 2nd XI.: C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. K.O.S.B.; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Royal Navy.
Annual University Ath. Sports. Half mile open, 4.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-4.30 p.m.
"Cheer O" Music, 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "You never know Women."
Star Theatre: "Hold that Lion."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Europe), 8.45 a.m.; Outward: Europe via Negapatam (Europe), 9.45 a.m.

Sunday.

5th Sunday in Lent, Lady Day. St. John's Cathedral, at evensong. The Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., on "Follow Me."
In St. Peter's Church at matins The Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., "Christ the Source of Power."
Fanling Hunt: Point to Point Mr. Pott's Bungalow, 11.30 a.m.
Yachting: Boat Race.
Golf: Junior Section Championship 2nd round.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-4.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Campus Flirt."
World Theatre: "The Little Irish Girl," 5.15 and 9.20; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.
Star Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only, (Lahore).
Monday.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. K.O.S.B. 2nd XI.
Prize Distribution, by Lady Chow Shou-son, of the Wan Yan College, Queen's Theatre, 11 a.m.
H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 5th Ordinary General Meeting, at Jardine, Matheson Co. offices, 12 noon.
Public Auction, Messrs. Lammett Bros., 8a, Duddell Street, 3 p.m.
Annual Meeting, H.K. Lawn Tennis Assoc. H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 6 p.m.
Annual Meeting Kowloon Golf Club Y.M.C.A., 6.15 p.m.
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Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-4.30 p.m.
Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. Tamar on the R.N.U.S.C. ground, 3 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "On Your Toes."
World Theatre: "Dancing Mothers," 5.15 and 9.20; "The Monkey Monk," 2.30 and 7.15.
Star Theatre: "Drunella with a Million."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Negapatam (Europe), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Vancouver and Europe via Siberia (Empire of Asia), 5 p.m.
Wednesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. Navy R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5.15.
Fanling Hunt: Meet at the Stables Fanling, 2.45 p.m.
China Exhibition: St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds opening ceremony by Major General C. C. Liard, C.B., C.M.G., and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow at 3 p.m.
Lecture by Mr. R. E. Lindell "Place names of Hong Kong," 5.30 p.m.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 43rd annual ordinary general meeting at Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
Annual Inspection by H.E. the Governor of the Hong Kong Police and Police Reserve, Murray Parade Ground.
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals annual meeting, 5 p.m.; Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

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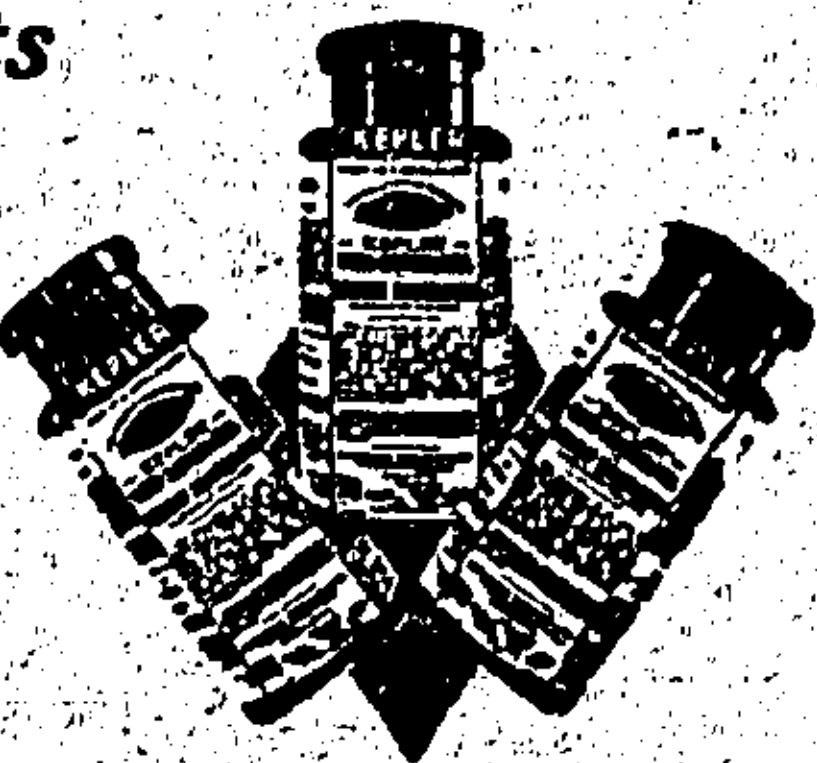
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THE LIKING FOR "WIN-
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GOOD "CARD-HOLDERS."

[By HUGH ELLIOT.]

In all forms of gambling there are two factors which in the long run determine who will win. The first factor is the odds, the second factor is the capital which the gambler has available. These two are of equal importance. If we never make a bet except at odds-on, we shall still end as losers, unless we have a capital sufficient to meet any bad run that can occur.

If a rich man and a poor man tossed a penny on the arrangement that if heads turn up the rich man wins £1, and if tails turn up the poor man wins £1, they start with an even chance; but if they go on long enough, the rich man is bound to win, for he can withstand the run of bad luck which drives out the poor man, and it is only a question of time till a fatal run of bad luck occurs.

This fact is recognised at Monte Carlo, where the bank not only has the odds in its favour, but by the imposition of a maximum limit ensures that its capital is enormously larger than those which the players can bring against it. Were it not for this provision the bank could and would soon be beaten by some large syndicate, with a capital sufficient to override the odds against it. For every rich man can beat a poor man not only at even chances, but against the odds.

Illogical, But Real.

All this is true of bridge, in so far as gambling enters into bridge. Equally true is it that there are no other relevant factors beyond these two. But card players are on the whole superstitious, and most of them prefer to sit in the "winning" seats, or to play with the "winning" cards, or to fulfil some other rite which they think will help to bring success.

Totally irrelevant as these rites really are, the fact that a person believes in them does give them some importance. We may not believe in ghosts, but we do not compel our guests to sleep in a "haunted" room; nor, if we win the cut for the first deal, should we compel our partner to sit in the "losing" seats, or to play with the "losing" cards. It merely makes him uncomfortable; and though the feeling may be (and is) illogical, yet feeling plays a larger part in life than logic; the fanatics of logic usually fail in dealing with men, and always fail in dealing with women.

For the moment, however, I am concerned with logic, and one of its most incontrovertible principles is this: that where there are fixed odds (as at Monte Carlo) the past has no influence upon the future. That is to say, if red has turned up twenty times running its probability of turning up on the twenty-first occasion is precisely the same as if black had turned up on the twenty previous coups, or as if red and black had turned up intermittently. So at bridge, if certain seats or certain cards have won every rubber during the evening, no sort of presumption, no tinge of probability, is thereby created that they will win the next.

For the same reason, there is no such thing as a "good" card-holder, or "bad" card-holder. One player may have held worse than average cards for a month, or a year, or five years. Another player may have held better than the average for those periods. Yet if these two sit down to play against each other it still remains a dead-level bet which will hold the better cards.

From the superstitious player I now pass to the lax and informal player: those, for instance, who make a habit of looking at the last trick, after it has been turned, or those who cut the cards before they have been presented. No really self-respecting card-player will do either. The Portland Club has attached a penalty to looking at the last trick. I cannot agree with so drastic a measure; it is an informality rather than a crime, and the fewer penalties we have, the better. Like all penalties which are in excess of popular feeling, it is hardly ever applied. Still no one with a sense for cards can do it.

Hesitation.

Hesitation before making a bid or before playing a card is often unavoidable. Unfortunately such hesitation often conveys information; and this native defect of auction bridge would suffice among dishonest players to wreck the whole game. The fact that in practice it matters very little is a remarkable testimony to the general integrity of card players. Yet it cannot be too strongly stated that a player who permits himself to profit by knowledge gained through his partner's hesitation is cheating.

If a player is so unfortunate as to find himself unwillingly in possession of illegitimate knowledge, through this means, it is up to him to ensure that he gains no profit by it; and if the situation is very pronounced he may feel himself under the necessity of playing a card which he knows to be thoroughly bad, instead of that which would perhaps give him a game.

"STARVING BIRD IN A BEDROOM."

ALLEGED DELUSIONS OF A
SOLICITOR.

DISPUTED CODICILS.

A retired solicitor, who left an estate of £108,000 was stated during the hearing of an action in the Probate Court to have walked about his home carrying torn-up newspapers and a wet sponge in a black brief bag. It was also asserted that he complained of the fact that there was a starving blackbird in his bedroom.

The action, which was heard by Lord Merivale, was concerned with the estate of John William Berry, a retired solicitor, of Holly Lodge, The Common, Ealing, who left a will dated June 1914, with five codicils. There was no dispute concerning the will and the first three codicils, but the Crown put the executors to proof with regard to the last two codicils.

Sir Douglas Hogg, K.C., the Attorney-General, Sir Thomas Lusk, K.C., the Solicitor-General, and Mr. Thomas Bucknill represented the Crown; and Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C., Mr. Acton Pale, and Mr. Clifton Robbins were for the defendant. Mr. William Thomas Skepper Murr, a solicitor, practising at Southampton-row and living at Kenilworth-road, Ealing.

£35,000 Legacy.

Mr. Murr put forward the will and codicils, as an executor. Mr. Murr, under the last two codicils, received the residuary legacy, which, it was stated, amounted to between £35,000 and £40,000.

The Crown asserted that Mr. Berry was not of sound mind when the two last codicils were drawn up. He was, they asserted, suffering from a progressive and mental infirmity, loss of memory, and a delusion that he was a ruined man.

There was no charge of undue influence or fraud against Mr. Murr, and Sir Ellis Hume-Williams consequently submitted that the question was solely whether Mr. Berry was of sound testamentary capacity when he made the two codicils.

The Crown also contended that Mr. Murr knew of Mr. Berry's mental incapacity, and they alleged that while acting as his solicitor, Mr. Murr received a substantial benefit on behalf of himself and members of his family.

The hearing was adjourned.

profit by it; and if the situation is very pronounced he may feel himself under the necessity of playing a card which he knows to be thoroughly bad, instead of that which would perhaps give him a game.

It is in such situations that the card sense is most valuable, for it concentrates the whole mind and attention of a player on the legitimate observations and inferences and automatically cuts out those that are not legitimate.—*Evening Standard.*

NEW BRIDGE RULES.

REVOKE PENALTY AND
MAJORITY CALL.

The new laws of bridge—framed after conferences at the Portland Club—will come into force on March 1st.

They have been entirely rearranged, remodelled, and in many cases rewritten. The important changes are as follows:

REVOKE PENALTY.—In the case of revoke by declarer opponents can take only two tricks instead of, as formerly, three tricks, or 100 points above the line. In the case of revoke by declarer opponents can take 100 points above the line for each revoke as before.

CHANCE.—Scoring for chance has been abolished.

MAJORITY CALLING.—Permissive use of majority instead of value calling is given in the appendix, but the old calling remains as before in the laws.

DRAWING FOR PARTNER.—What used to be called cutting for partners is now called drawing. No player may expose a card until all four have drawn from the pack.

PASSING OUT OR TURN.—A pass out of turn is now void. The call reverts to the player whose proper turn it was and the offender must pass when next it is his turn to bid, but he may come in after further rounds, if there are any.

A CARD SHOWN.—When one player has only twelve cards and the rest have thirteen, under the old law he was responsible for any revoke he might make through the missing card. The new law relieves him from this liability and orders a new deal if it can be proved that the card was never dealt to him.

CLAIMING THE RESERVE.—When the declarer claims the rest of the tricks and plays his cards on the table, not only may he not finesse, but also he must state how he proposes to play the hand.

STATING THE LAW.—Under the new code any player may call his partner's attention to an irregularity, and may state the law on the subject.

THE PIECE-GOODS TRADE.

JAPANESE COMPETITION.

A LETTER FROM INDIA.

The following is an extract from an Indian agent's letter, dated January 25th, to a British firm that has large dealings with India and the Far East:

Perhaps you are not aware of this, and we feel it, therefore, our duty to acquaint you of the position. The slackness of the British trade has been due, mainly, we think, owing to Japan coming into the piece-goods trade. They were, of course, in the piece-goods trade, but not so seriously as they are from about six to eight months ago. They have copied—as they have been reputed to—anything and everything, and placed their goods in the market at a price 75 per cent. to 100 per cent. below British prices and terms D/A, c.i.f., and c.f. Such a state of things cannot be believed, but that is the truth. In silks or cotton they are in a favourable position, and are able to quote very much cheaper than British or Continental prices. It is a fact Japan was in the piece-goods trade for a number of years past, but then their main lines were cotton goods of a cheap kind, such as banians, towels, and some shirtings. But now the story is quite different; they are in every grade of the business, reaping the market, and we have some fear for the British and Continental piece goods. Their stuffs, finish and the other details are just as good as any British or Continental makes, if not better. The principal sufferers are the C.P.A., whose designs are copied right and left, without the least consideration.

Such is the state, and that is the reason why dealers have been offering at such ridiculous prices recently. There must be a considerable cut in prices, otherwise the business will suffer. Of course, we give this news to you for your own guidance, and we hope you will give this your careful consideration.

Japan has seen her opportunity in holding the market at a time when other markets require higher prices; she is able to give at a terrible reduction.

You may rely on the information that we give you, and subject this for your careful thought.

ARTIFICIAL SILK FOR CHINA.

MAKING STEADY HEADWAY

Since India took to growing tea, China, the original home of the product, no longer dominates the market, and figures which have just been issued relating to artificial silk make one wonder if China's silk industry is to be similarly backseated, says the *China Express and Telegraph*. In spite of the internal troubles in China artificial silk is making steady headway. It is perhaps not easy to appreciate that China is already importing a greater value of yarn to weave on her own looms than the total value of her imports of piece goods. In 1925 China's imports totalled 2,341,000 lbs. and in 1926 5,219,000 lbs. No completed returns are yet available for the year 1927, but some interesting data is obtainable from the returns of exports made by leading European countries.

In 1924 Italy sent 491,000 lbs. of yarn, in 1925 653,000 lbs. and in 1926 2,508,000 lbs., or approximately as much as the whole of the imports into Shanghai in 1925. During the first ten months of 1927 a further huge increase is recorded, the Italian exports to this market reaching 3,183,000 lbs.

In 1925 Holland sent 548,000 lbs. and in 1926 794,000 lbs., while in 1927 the figure was increased to 1,434,000 lbs.

German exports to China, which in 1925 reached 625,000 lbs., fell to 608,000 lbs. in 1926 and to 88,000 lbs. in the first six months of 1927.

In 1925 Britain sent 368,243 lbs. and in 1926, which was the great boycott year, only 102,936 lbs. The returns for 1927 are not yet available. Imports of piece goods, partly of artificial silk, reached a value of 2,392,000 Hk. taels in 1926, against 1,260,000 Hk. taels in 1925, of which more than half was British. Imports of artificial silk and "cotton" mixtures in 1925 amounted to 1,971,010 yards, and in 1926 1,743,855 square yards in 1926.

The latter figures refer, however, to Shanghai only, and reveal, when compared with the British total exports of this class of goods—2,048,368 square yards for the whole of China in the latter year—the fairly good hold maintained by Britain.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Do, (Def.) \$1.35 nom.
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Waterboats \$1.35 buy.
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Kaisan Mining Ad. \$1.35 nom.
Langkita (combined) \$1.35 nom.
Do, (single) \$1.35 nom.

S'hai. Explorations \$1.35 nom.
Shanghai Loans \$1.35 nom.
Baus \$1.35 nom.
Tosoh Mines \$1.35 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks \$1.35 buy. & s.
China Fireworks \$1.35 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks \$1.35 sel.
New Engineering \$1.35 buy.
Shanghai Docks \$1.35 nom.
Ewu Cottons \$1.35 buy, 87/85 s.
Oriental Cottons \$1.35 buy.

S'hai. Cottons (old) \$1.35 buy.
Do, (new) \$1.35 nom.
H.K. & W. Hotels \$1.35 buy, 9 s.
Do, (old) \$1.35 sel. & s.
H.K. Lands \$1.35 sel.
Shanghai Lands \$1.35 buy.
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Hong Kong Realities \$1.35 buy.
H.K. Territorials \$1.35 nom.

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Do, (new) \$1.35 buy.
Star Fertiliser \$1.35 buy.
China Light (combined) \$1.35 nom.
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Do, (new) \$1.35 buy.
H.K. Electric \$1.35 buy.
Macao Electric \$1.35 buy.
Telephones \$1.35 buy.
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Singapore Tramways \$1.35 nom.

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Canton Ice \$1.35 nom.
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Do, (old) \$1.35 nom.
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Dairy Farms \$1.35 sel., 21.50 s.
Watsons \$1.35 sel.
Do, A. Wings \$1.35 sel.
Lane, Crawford \$1.35 buy.
Mackintosh \$1.35 buy.
Sincere \$1.35 buy.
Wm. Powells \$1.35 nom.
H.K. Amusements \$1.35 buy.
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S'hai. Indus. G. Bonds \$1.35 buy.
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Oslo 18.29 1/2
Vienna 34.69 1/2
Prague 164 1/2
Helsingfors 190 1/2
Madrid 26.03 1/2
Athens 36.53
Lisbon 21/33
Bucharest 78 3/4
Rio 6.59/94
Buenos Aires 47.29/32
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OPENING OF CHUNG SHAN DISTRICT.

THE NEW HIGHWAY.

PEASANTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

MACAO, March 20th. Observers of Chinese affairs will view with satisfaction the present course in South China. In keeping with the signs of progress was the opening last Sunday of the first section of the Macao-Shekki Trunk Road.

The enterprise was promoted and conducted by the Chinese agriculturists of Chung Shan to bring their produce to Macao and an acknowledgment of their faith in the present authorities of Macao.

Significant too is the active interest displayed in the enterprise by Mr. Tang Shan Yi, the veteran statesman, and Mr. Cheng Tsu Sheng, at one time magistrate of Heung Shan City, and now managing director of the Company.

Most significant of all, however, was the spontaneous expression of respect to the Portuguese by the Chinese peasantry of Chung Shan in particular to Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of the Colony.

This took the form of a magnificent procession, included in which were three lengthy dragons, gorgeously decorated and wonderfully designed the indispensable lion, banners galore and allegorical tableaux and animals. The procession made its way to Government House, where the dragons and the lion made obeisance to the Governor of Macao, who stood on the verandah, with the Governor of Hong Kong by his side.

After the second ceremony at Chin Shan, in Chinese Territory, the visitors were conveyed back to Macao, passing en route the tired, yet happy, members of the procession of homage. On the faces of the farming men who had taken part in the procession were smiles of greeting to two old, true friends of the Chinese people, Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hong Kong, and Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao. The smiles seemed to betoken a trust in the dawn of a new era full of hope for peace between China and her old friends.

The Road Described.

This new artery of trade will tap over four hundred square miles of the most fertile region of South China. The present production of the district is already valued at \$100,000,000 a year and the hope is expressed that developments owing to the facilities to be provided will double and treble the present yield. The road from Macao to Shekai will have a length of thirty-five miles passing many important and interesting centres, among them Choi Hang, birthplace of Sun Yat Sen.

Nine miles of road has now been completed from the Macao end, and a broad level highway it is, while other sections are being rapidly built. What it will mean to the people of the place can very well be judged by the noteworthy fact that it is a community company financed by the peasantry of the place. Shortage funds presents a better road, but its need is recognized and there is the belief that the \$500,000 or \$400,000 still needed for its completion will soon be forthcoming. There is a promising opening for motor cars, trucks and supplies, and merchants would do well to investigate the possibilities of an important district.

ACTRESS'S REPRIEVE.

U.S. AGITATION RESENTED IN CANADA.

MONTREAL.

Resentment is expressed in Canadian legal circles over what is described as extraordinary pressure applied from the United States to obtain a reprieve for Doris Palmer MacDonald, the 21-years-old New York actress condemned to death, with her husband, George MacDonald, for the murder of Adelard Bouchard, a taxicab driver, near the international boundary in Quebec last July. Both were sentenced to death, but the jury recommended mercy for the woman.

These efforts are characterised as an attempt to interfere with Canadian justice. Interest across the border approaches that shown in the Ruth Snyder case, stimulated by the curious coincidence that Doris's real name was Snyder, her mother—now in Chicago—having placed her in an orphanage, from which she was adopted by Dr. Frances Palmer, a wealthy woman physician formerly of Mount Vernon, New York, and now in Oklahoma.

Advocates show that Doris eloped when 18 and married Frank Allen of New Rochelle, who divorced her. She then married MacDonald, who described himself as an engineer, commander in the United States Navy, but who is in reality an international crook.

The woman's friends contend that she is mentally deficient, and it is stated that an appeal for reprieve will be made to the Governor-General, Lord Willington.

The execution was fixed for March 23rd.

JUROR FAINTS AT MURDER TRIAL.

OVERCOME BY DETAILS OF DEATH WOUND.

NEW START MADE.

A juror fainted at Derby Assizes shortly after the resumption of the trial of George Frederick Walter Hayward, thirty-two, a traveller, of the White House, Little Hayfield, accused of the murder of Mrs. Amy Collinson, wife of the licensee of the New Inn, Little Hayfield, on Armistice Day last year.

Dr. Roche Lynch, the senior Home Office analyst, was describing the wound in the throat of the murdered woman, and was handling a carving knife when a groan came from the jury box, and the next moment one of the men collapsed.

Witness' Aid.

Dr. Lynch stepped from the witness-box to attend the juror who was in a dead faint. He was carried into an ante-room, and two other doctors were called.

One of the doctors later informed Mr. Justice Hawke that he considered that it would be unwise for the juror to resume his duties.

The judge, consulted with counsel, and then said he had decided to retain the services of the eleven jurymen and to swear in an additional one. It would, however, be necessary to discharge the juror and begin the case again with the new jury.

This was done, and Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., opened the case again for the prosecution.

"THINGS CHINESE."

THE COUNTRY WE LIVE IN.

It is told of some tourists, passing through the Colony, or maybe Shanghai (the story is apocryphal), that desiring to partake of the food of the country, entered a Chinese restaurant, were relieved of their wraps and parcels, and presented with a menu. Having looked at it right way up, they turned it upside down, searched on the reverse, held it at arm's length, and finally, not to betray their ignorance, demanded "Some of that!" pointing to one of the items written in Chinese. The boy grinned and went off. A minute or so later the Chinese orchestra struck up!

In a European country one can sometimes make out what the menu suggests, and the *funny* part of ordering the band instead of the soup is not so easily perpetrated, but with an idiomatic language such as we have in China accidents are bound to happen, even in the best regulated of families! Hence it will appeal to many, otherwise debarred on account of ignorance of the language, to know that part of the attractions of the "China" Exhibition will be a Chinese restaurant, with the "goods" all marked in plain prices, and in plain English.

It is expected that many will take advantage of this opportunity, and the accommodation being limited, people are advised to book beforehand.

The old saying that one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives, but is always trying to find out, applies just as much out here, as in Tooting Bec or Baltham, and because we do not understand fully the Chinese people we get a distorted impression of them.

This Exhibition is not to exploit our neighbours, "boost" Chinese goods, or enrich curio sellers, but aims at the formation of points of contact between them and the European community, for with understanding comes sympathy, and from sympathy comes much good.

At a time when Canton and Hong Kong are knitting together again the ties which were severed during the unrest a year or so ago, this demonstration of interest is particularly welcomed. His Excellency the Governor has signified his approval of the undertaking by graciously consenting to become a patron.

Each day the Exhibition will be opened by a distinguished Chinese and English gentleman; the first day this ceremony will be performed by His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, Kt., on Thursday by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Dr. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.; and on Friday by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D.

The opening ceremony is at 3 p.m. each day. Programmes will be given away free, and will contain all the information relative to the Exhibition, and be interesting souvenirs of a very entertaining and interesting venture by St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

VICAR'S DOUBLE LIFE.

PRISON FOR ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN DRUGS.

CLOAK OF HYPOCRISY.

The noxious drugs case concluded at the Old Bailey with the conviction of the Rev. Francis Bacon, formerly vicar of All Saints' Buxton-street, Spitalfields, E.

Bacon's co-defendant, Annie Bolton, had pleaded guilty. Bacon was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment in the second division and Bolton to six months in the second division.

The accused had been connected with two companies known as Dr. Hannah Brown's Female Remedies and the Powell Manufacturing Company, and the case for the prosecution was that drugs had supplied by them to women for an improper purpose.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, for Bacon, said, before sentence was passed, that at the age of 70 Bacon was an absolutely ruined man. He had resigned his living, and now he would have to appear before a Consistory Court, and there was no doubt what the result of that would be.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.): I hope there is no doubt. Passing sentence, Sir Ernest said that for Bolton he entertained a good deal of sympathy. Although she had derived a considerable income from the traffic, she had been under the domination of others, and it was in her favour that she told the truth in the witness-box.

"Jekyll And Hyde." Then addressing Bacon (who had traded under the name of Howard Barron), Sir Ernest said: "Yours is a very different case. I am not going for one moment to discount the good you have done among boys in regard to emigration. It may be, and probably is, the case of a man leading a double life, such a life as has been described by a great novelist as a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde case."

"I don't say your work in the East End was not perfectly honest work, but that is all I know in your favour. Your conduct during the last ten years has been despicable and deplorable. You have concealed your illicit traffic beneath the cloak of hypocrisy. To make money you preyed on the agony of poor expectant mothers and jeopardised their health."

Most contemptible of all, you, having been a party to this pernicious traffic, sought to shield yourself behind a subordinate—in the person of Annie Bolton. Finally, you have lied in the witness-box as you have been doing to the public during the last decade."

Sir Ernest Wild added that he hoped the case would be a warning to all concerned in the pernicious traffic.

Unfrocking Rare. A reporter who inquired as to what, if any, steps were likely to be taken by ecclesiastical authorities with regard to Bacon was told by one of the legal representatives at the Sanctuary, Westminster: "The Rev. Francis Bacon resigned his benefice at the beginning of his case, and that there is no question of taking it from him. Unfrocking is rare nowadays, and Mr. Bacon is an elderly man, so that further action is unlikely. At any rate, there is no automatic action following a conviction for a criminal offence."

4,000 IDLE IN ADELAIDE.

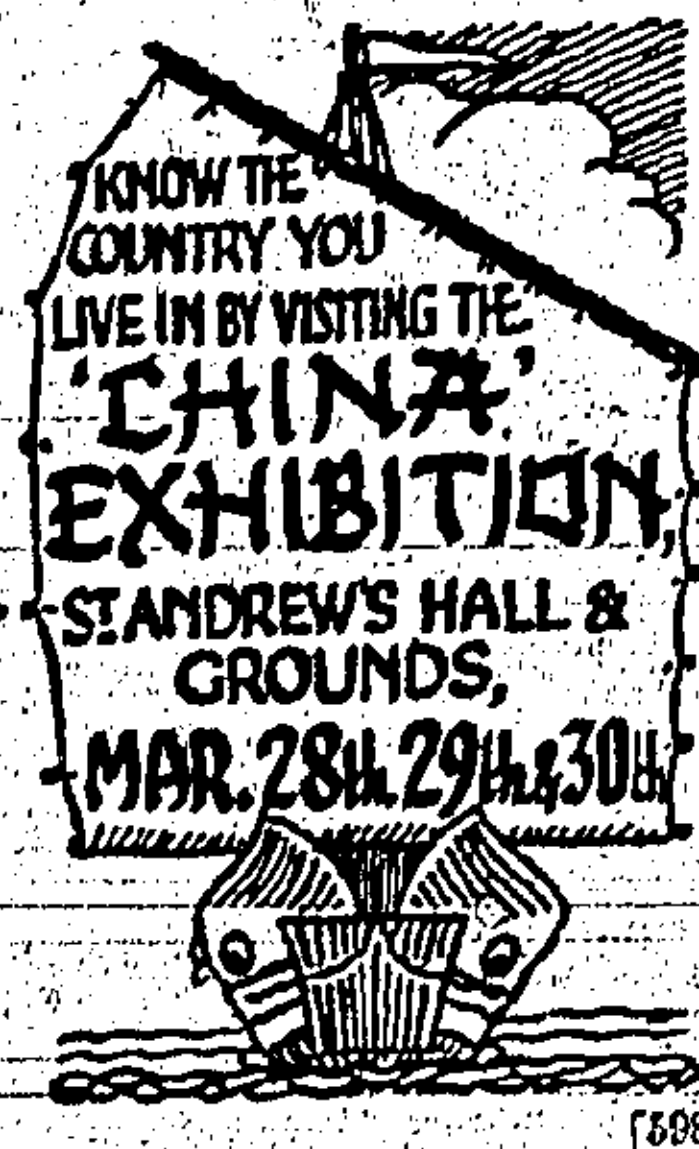
CITY CAMPS AND RATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

ADELAIDE, South Australia. Metropolitan local governing bodies are asking the Government for a loan of £200,000 with which to start relief works for the unemployed, who now number more than 4,000.

The position has become so acute that many firms and citizens are contributing to a fund independent of Government assistance.

Camps have been established in various parts of the city, where rations are served out.

The general outlook is not hopeful, as the Government, being short of money, are not proceeding with public works, and local taxation is the heaviest in Australia.



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SHAMEEN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

EFFICIENT SERVICES MAINTAINED.

We have received the official report of the annual general meeting of the ratepayers of the British Concession, Shameneh, over which the acting British Consul General (Mr. Brennan) presided.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The chairman of the Council, Mr. R. K. Batchelor, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for 1927 said *inter alia*—

Those Ratepayers who were resident in Shameneh during the whole year under review will have been pleased to see the report and accounts without any untoward incidents and although it is much to be regretted that our Chinese friends in the City have had more than their fair share of the trouble, the island has not been directly affected. In this connection, I would like to say that the Council throughout the year have had the most cordial relations with the Chinese Officials with whom they have come in contact and I think special mention should be made of the Police. Captain Clements has been fully supported in every way, not only by the City Police, but by the Water Police also.

The Municipal Police.

Referring to the Municipal Police—this body of men has given every satisfaction during the year and, although from time to time called upon to do extra duties, were all ways willing and efficient. From the Report you will see that Capt. Clements has singled out a few of his men for special mention and I feel sure you will agree with his remarks. During the absence of Mr. Watson on leave, Captain Clements acted in the capacity of Secretary also and carried out this duty to the entire satisfaction of the Council. In this connection I would like to thank on behalf of the Ratepayers Mr. A. Macfarlane and Mr. McFerran for acting as Consulting Engineers to the Waterworks during Mr. Watson's absence of eight months.

Fire Brigade and Water Works.

In regard to the Fire Brigade, this has been working as an efficient unit under the guidance of Captain Clements and although the gear is sufficient to meet immediate requirements, Ratepayers must not lose sight of the fact that some gear must be replaced in the near future.

I would now refer to the Waterworks. The consumption of water has given your Council some anxious moments as it will be seen that the increased consumption amounts to 13,438,800 gallons over the same period of 1926. It must be remembered, however, that 1927 was a full working year whilst in addition a number of troops were stationed on the Concession. In comparing this year's figures to those of 1926, the consumption is about the same this year, but the pumps, etc., being four years older are not working, perhaps, as efficiently. The Medical Officer of Health in his report refers to the quality of the water but he assures me that although not up to former standards it is good for human consumption in every way. In order to prevent undue wastage of water in the future, it has been suggested that the water should be turned off from the mains, say, 11 p.m. at night until 5 a.m. the next morning and, if necessary, some scheme of this nature will doubtless be discussed by the incoming Council.

The Nursing Home.

I would now like to refer to the Nursing Home. At last year's Annual Meeting of Ratepayers the Council were empowered to commence a Municipal Nursing Home in the Hong Kong Bank Building. Conditions, however, during the year changed and, on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, a Nursing Home was started in the Victoria Hotel. During the year, the Home worked, very efficiently and filled a great need.

A sum of \$3,365, had to be paid out of the rates but for many years, the Ratepayers paid the Canton Hospital \$4,600 annually for the upkeep of two wards, whereas to-day we have an efficient Home on the Concession at less expenditure.

Accounts.

Turning to the Accounts, owing to adverse conditions prevailing in 1927, the Council for that year were quite unable to estimate as closely as they could have wished the Revenue and Expenditure for 1927 and you will see that both have been exceeded in an equal proportion to each other. Certain works have been necessary which were not included in the Budget but the expenditure in this direction has been amply offset by the increased revenue. The overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank was decreased during the year by the sum of \$10,000 which I think is most satisfactory.

(Continued on next Column).

THREE WOMEN CROOKS.

KIDNAP CHILD WHILE MOTHER WAS AWAY.

YOUNG VICTIM'S COMPOSURE IN WITNESS-BOX.

Three women crooks who kidnaped a child of 6 years were severely dealt with yesterday by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy. The little girl gave evidence in a very alert way. She was gently questioned by the Magistrate and to all questions asked she gave clear and decisive answers.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted. It appeared from the evidence that the three defendants were friends of the mother of the child. One day the mother went out to market and when she returned half an hour later, she found the girl was missing. She asked the first defendant whether or not she had seen the girl and the defendant replied that she had not. The mother then went to the house of the second defendant but found that she was not in.

The distracted mother then consulted a fortune-teller. This man, to be on the safe side, told her that the child "must have gone with a friend."

After reporting the matter to the Police, the child was located in a house at Wanchai. When the mother arrived there with a friend, she found the girl with the third defendant. The little girl's hair had been bobbed and she was wearing clothes which did not belong to her. A gold bangle which the child was wearing, had also disappeared.

The little girl was then put in the witness box, being held up by her mother. She looked the Magistrate straight in the face with truly Oriental composure and gave particularly telling evidence. She said that she was taken out of the house by the first defendant. When they got to the road, the second defendant took her away in a chair. She said she knew all the defendants, as they had been to her mother's house previously.

In view of the fact that the second defendant had a bad record and had played a leading part in kidnapping the child, Mr. Lindsell sentenced her to six months' hard labour. The other two defendants were sent to gaol for three months each.

The report and accounts were passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The following were elected to serve as Municipal Councillors:—Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Mr. G. H. Bowker, Mr. W. Rowland Farmer, Mr. J. S. McEachran and Mr. G. A. Robinson.

A resolution was then passed placing the Nursing Home in the Victoria Hotel on a permanent basis for a period of five years at a rental of \$300 per month.

The Boat House.

When the question of repairing the Boat House building was discussed Mr. Hogg said that he did not see why ratepayers should be called upon to contribute to repair the Boat House which was not an absolute necessity.

Mr. Bond said that he understood the cost would be about \$1,200. He added: "In 1915 I believe this place had a very bad time from floods and one of the things that probably saved Shameneh was the old boat house which had a certain number of boats. The Boat House is one of the amenities of the place and I would suggest that we further explore the possibility of putting the Boat Shed in a good state of repair."

Mr. Farmer: The Boat House is practically inaccessible at the present time and if there is a possibility of transferring the boat house to another site on Shameneh or possibly transferring it across the river, that, I think, would be by far the soundest policy to adopt.

Mr. Hansen as chairman of the Rowing Club mentioned that the river is silting up fast and "we cannot get the boats out," "but" he added "it would be a great pity to see the old Rowing Club absolutely closing up. During the last few years there has been very little interest in the Club but given better facilities we can get a revival of the old Regatta."

It was agreed:—That the incoming Council explore the subject of the Boat House premises with a view to either one of the two following solutions:—

- (a) Repairs to existing Boat House.
- (b) New Premises.

It was agreed that the House Tax shall be at the rate of 5.4341 per cent. in accordance with the Assessment List already circulated, and that the Land Tax shall be at the rate of 0.6364 per cent. on H.B.M. Government's valuation of 1921/22 for each lot.

LI TSAI HSIN IN SHANGHAI.

EXPLAINS REASONS FOR VISIT.

TO DISCUSS NATIONALIST POLICY.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, as reported by cable, arrived at Shanghai last Monday by the *ss. Mantua*, and made some interesting statements to a *North China Daily News* correspondent on the purpose of his visit North. Our Shanghai contemporary states:—

After meeting old friends and being introduced to new ones, the Marshal and his party at once motored to the house of Mr. Woo Yung Poo at 343 Avenue Haig, where the latter received a number of guests. At the Garden Bridge his motor-car was stopped by the Russian Volunteers, but was immediately allowed to go on when it was explained who the visitor was.

Interviewed upon his arrival, Marshal Li said that, in making his present visit, he had three objects:—

First, to discuss with the War Council in Nanking the question of pressing the anti-Northern campaign;

Second, to submit a personal report on the situation in Canton and of what had happened in the past few months; and

Third, to discuss with the Nationalist Government future policy with reference to Canton and China as a whole, especially in relation to reconstructive measures.

Marshal Li said that he would leave for Nanking in a day or two, and had no idea how long he would remain, or when he would return to Canton.

Quiet Returning All Round.

Marshal Li said that everything was quiet in Canton, and so far as Canton City itself was concerned, the Communists had been entirely wiped out. In the Haifu district, near Swatow, he expected that they would soon be finished off. He had sent his best troops to the place and they were having no difficulty whatever in suppressing the Communists whenever they met them.

Banditry and pirates were still rife and active but he had divided Kuangtung into four sections under military administrators, and each of whom would be responsible for the maintenance of peace and order, as well as the suppression of evil characters. The generals concerned included such men as Chen Ming Chu, Chen Chi Tsun, Chu Ching Tung and Wang Yang Yu. During his absence the military affairs of Kuangtung Province had been entrusted to General Huang Shao Hung, and civil affairs to Mr. Tai Tien Chau, son-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

With reference to Sino-British relations, the Marshal said that, as a result of Sir Miles Lampson's visit to Canton and his trip to Hong Kong, as well as the subsequent visit of the Governor of Hong Kong to Canton, much misunderstanding had been explained, and the administration of Hong Kong and Canton were now very friendly and wished to trade peacefully.

Railway Loan Denied.

Questioned as to the alleged loan of \$7,000,000 by certain British financiers for the building of a loop line between the Canton-Hankow and the Canton-Kowloon railways, Marshal Li emphatically denied that this was so, and said that, in all his discussions with Sir Miles Lampson and Sir Cecil Clementi, the question of a loop line had not been brought up. As a matter of fact, the only mention of such a proposal was when he was invited to a dinner by the members of the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Further than that, there was nothing that could be said.

The Currency.

In answer to questions regarding the notes issued by the Central Bank of China, Marshal Li admitted that they had depreciated considerably and said that he was taking steps to adjust the matter. Certain Chinese merchants in Hong Kong had expressed their readiness to make a loan for reconstructive purposes and this was quite voluntary; there had been no pressure on them whatever on his part. Marshal Li said that he only would accept a loan from the Chinese, and it would be used for the redemption of the Central Bank notes. It would take time to adjust the financial situation, and he hoped that people would be patient.

Canton To Support The Peking Expedition?

Marshal Li denied that the Canton administration had decided to hold up part of the contributions usually sent to Nanking. Canton, Marshal Li said, would continue to send money to Nanking.

Chen Ming Shu's Tribute To Marshal Li.

General Chen Ming Shu said that the Marshal had the support of the different military leaders of Canton and the people of Kuangtung because of the excellent work he had done within so short a time. The situation in Canton called for

HONG KONG'S FIRST INDIAN BARRISTER.

SIKH COMMUNITY EXTEND WELCOME.

Mr. K. S. Chowdhury, the first Indian Barrister-at-Law to be admitted to the local Bar, was extended a hearty welcome by his countrymen yesterday when a reception was given in his honour at the Hotel Savoy by the Khalsa Diwan.

There were a large gathering of the Sikh community, and several speeches were made. Mr. Chowdhury thanked his fellow countrymen for turning up in such large numbers. His object was to serve them to the best of his powers and he hoped that in return they would support him, especially as he had made a big sacrifice to come here.

Mr. Chowdhury comes from a very well-connected family in India. He has had a varied experience and was at one time an officer in the Army and saw active service in France for a year. He was also a magistrate in Rawal Pindi, where he had gained the confidence of the Government and his fellow countrymen.

Mrs. Chowdhury is of French nationality and is a fully qualified doctor. She intends to practice in the Colony soon.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

COAST TRADE SATISFACTORY.

The report of the General Managers of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., which will be presented at the annual meeting of Shareholders on Monday, April 30th, states:—

After paying all running expenses docking charges, of insurance, allowances for leave and pensions, the net profit of the year working is \$113,508.43 and after writing off the sum of \$57,508.43 for depreciation, there remains a balance of \$56,000 which it is proposed to transfer to the credit of the Reserve Fund, which will then stand at \$129,070.03.

Coast trade has been satisfactory during the period under review, but the loss in exchange on the earnings at the Coast Ports has again proved to be a very serious item, amounting to nearly \$23,000. Mr. L. J. Davies resigned his seat and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie was invited to fill the vacancy. The Committee now consists of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

a man of strong will and Marshal Li was that man.

General Chen deplored the anti-foreign activities of certain persons and said that the aim of the Canton Government was to obtain for China an honourable place in the family of nations by peaceful methods, not antagonism. It was useless to cry out "Down with imperialism" and the people of China should find practical methods for reconstruction, by which to pave the way for the abolition of extraterritoriality.

General Chen is about 40 years of age and was dressed in the "Sun Yat Sen uniform." He talks rapidly and is a native of Canton.

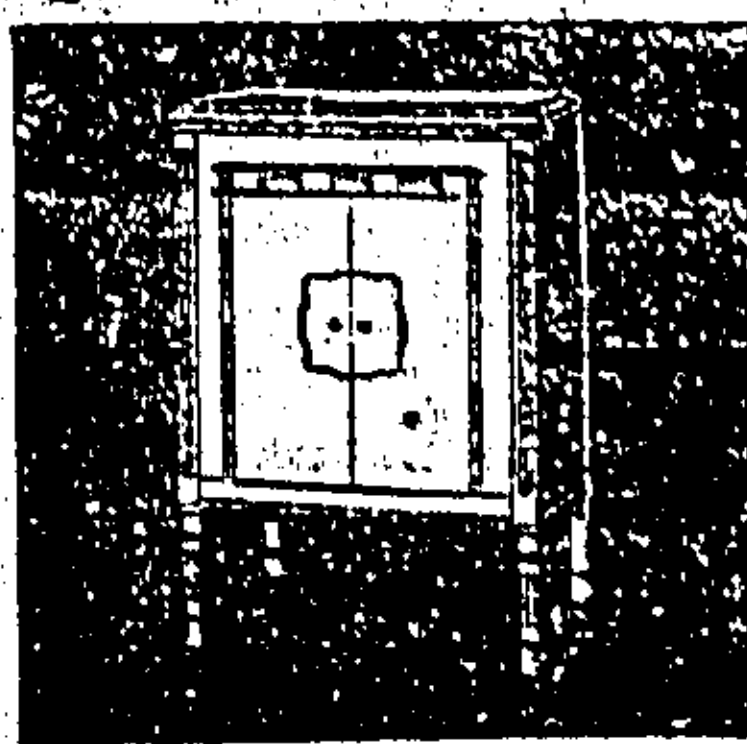
MARSHAL LI'S IMPORTANCE.

TO MEDIATE BETWEEN HANKOW AND NANKING?

The arrival of General Li Tsai Hsin from Canton is important, says the *North China Daily News*. Now that General Chang Fa Kuei and his troops have been to the Huochow front, they can no longer menace General Li's tenure in Canton and his recent successes in Hong Kong have strengthened his position politically in the provinces of the South. He need no longer be suspicious of General Chiang Kai Shek, because the latter cannot financially support opposition to General Li in the present circumstances. General Li may, therefore, agree to abide by the Nanking Government and may act as an intermediary between Nanking and Hankow, which is what Nanking would like. The Kuangtung faction is, however, so utterly opposed to most of the civilian elements in the present Nanking Government, that many important changes in this direction will have to be made before they agree to the recognition of its authority.

General Li's financial position is not all what it should be. Two years ago, Kuangtung was capable of producing from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 a month in revenue. Now, from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 is being produced and little of it comes to the treasury in Canton, because it has been divided regionally among generals. Instead of Canton sending funds to Nanking, it is not impossible that they will ask Nanking for financial assistance in return for participation in the Northern Expedition.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

QUIETER TONE.

SPURT IN INDO-CHINA SHARES.

In their weekly report on the Hong Kong Share Market, dated yesterday, Messrs. Benjamin & Potts state:

During the week under review the local market has shown rather a quieter tone and business in speculative ventures has been on a smaller scale and prices have been inclined to ease off a little. Investment stocks continue firm with a good enquiry with few sellers in evidence. The feature of the week has been the spurt in Indo-China Deferred shares.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have changed hands at the improved price of \$1,250 and more can be placed at this figure. The London rate has advanced to \$133.10.0 (middle) Unions are slightly easier and were put through at \$332 and \$331. Cantons are asked for at \$830. Hong Kong Firms have buyers at \$750. Underwriters have received to \$240.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats were again dealt in at \$30, but finished up easier with sellers at \$29.5. Douglas Steamships continue very flat and are obtainable at \$40. Indo-Chinas (Deferred) have had a sensational rise to \$100 presumably due to scarcity of shares offering in London, and the quotation there jumped to \$110.00, closing with probably buyers at \$105.00. Tugs and Lighters were sold at \$24.

Kowloon Wharves have kept very steady and were negotiated at \$141/141. China Providents were done at \$24, closing with buyers at \$26.00. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels have experienced a slight set back, the market falling off to \$9.20.

Hong Kong Lands are in request at \$25, after sales at \$22. Realty came to business at \$2. Hong Kong Tramways are the turn lower at \$23.50.

Star Ferries were booked at \$24. China Lights (Combined) have further declined to \$17. Hong Electric were placed to a fair extent at \$71/71. Hong Kong Telephones are saleable at \$4.55. Green Island Cements (Combined) have declined somewhat and transactions were made down to \$11.00, but the market has since recovered to \$11.30.

Hong Kong Ropes have buyers at \$6 after transactions at this rate. China Sugars have sagged to \$10 on the issue of an unfavourable report for the past year. Malabons were taken off the market at \$25. Watsons were bought up to \$14. Shell Transports changed hands at \$7/8. Lane, Crawford were bid up to \$4.

Shanghai Cottons (Old) came to business at \$1.50. Erags have fluctuated between \$1.70 and \$1.75. Hongkong Wharves were wanted in the North at \$14.14 and Shanghai Docks at \$14.10.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS OF HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will take place in the Rooms, on FRIDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1928, at 8 p.m. His Excellency The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., our Hon. President, has intimated his intention of being present.

Those desiring to attend are requested to Notify the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

DINNER DRESS.
A. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.
[6047]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING:
SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1928.
FIRST RACE—3 P.M.

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the THIRTY-THIRD RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, and on MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the Race Office, Hong Kong Jockey Club, and at the Race Office, Kowloon Jockey Club, and at the Race Office, Newmarket, England.
Entries will CLOSE at 4 P.M. on THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1928.
[6050]

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on MONDAY, 15th APRIL, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained upon application to THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD., Hong Kong Jockey Club, CASARIS BAY STABLES, and ROYAL ADVERTISING CO., 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong.
Entries will CLOSE on TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1928, at 1 P.M.
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NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 14th APRIL, 1928, at 8.00 P.M., in the HALL of QUEEN'S COLLEGE.
Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, CHOW PING UN, Esq., c/o ASSURANCE FRANCHISE, ALEXANDRA.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.
[6042]

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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 5th Mar., 1928. [5983]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1928, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1927.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 29th MARCH, to THURSDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [6015]

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1928, at 5.30 P.M.
All those interested in the work of the Society are invited to attend.

B. O. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.
[6046]

NOTICE.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Clubhouse on FRIDAY, 30th MARCH, 1928, at 8 P.M. FROM.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
[6044]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, on MONDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1928, at 11 A.M.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, DES VŒUX ROAD, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th APRIL, 1928, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

FROM 17th MARCH, 1928, until further Notice, TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON will be RESTRICTED owing to Harbour Dredging Operations necessitating the Removal of our Submarine Cables and Resulting in a Reduction in the Number of Junctions available to carry the Telephone Traffic between the above mentioned Places.

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J. P. SHEPHERD,
Manager,
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.
[6017]

INTIMATIONS.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, NEILAGE BROWN of Hong Kong HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of our desire to conform with the Names of Similar Vessels owned by us, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 41 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "KOH KHAM" of Hong Kong, Official Number 152053, of Gross Tonnage 14419 tons, heretofore owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, BILLET SQUARE, LONDON, E.C.3, for the Permission to Change her Name to "CHENYANG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any Objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement at Hong Kong, this 19th day of March, 1928.
(Signed) NEILAGE BROWN.
[6026]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

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DEWAR.—On March 19th, at the County Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. B. DEWAR, a daughter.

ERIKSEN.—On March 15th, at Shanghai, to Capt. H. C. and Mrs. ERIKSEN, twins, son and daughter.

TORRY.—On March 15th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. TORRY, a daughter.

MARRIAGE. LITTLE—ALLAN.—On March 17th, at Shanghai, E. S. LITTLE, son of Mr. EDWARD S. LITTLE, of Shanghai, to ALICE, youngest daughter of the late Dr. WILLIAM and Mrs. ALLAN, of Mosgiel, New Zealand.

DEATHS. HILLMAN.—On March 15th, at Shanghai, MARY PROCTOR, the wife of Captain H. E. HILLMAN, R.N.

NORMAN.—On March 19th, at Shanghai, EDMUND G. NORMAN, of the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corp.

PEREIRA.—On March 17th, at Shanghai, HENRIQUE BRUNO PEREIRA, aged 33 years.

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There is nothing of course to prevent any party in England following the American rule, nor any other rule for that matter, but it is safe to say that the old method will be generally adhered to. It is rather confusing at first for the player from Hong Kong for having once established a habit of thought it is exceedingly difficult to adjust oneself to a new condition temporarily, and the penalty for not doing so of course is heavy. It is not lack of interest, or intelligence, or even want of alertness that leads a player to call four clubs over three no trumps; on the contrary the bidder is probably very much concentrated on his game and busy formulating his plan of campaign. Automatically the call is made, for his mind has grown accustomed to run into that groove, or rather it has become accustomed to delegate the calling to the subconscious mind which deals with mental habits of this sort, while the fuller conscious mind is released to the solving of the problem in hand, namely the making of four clubs over a three no trump call.

It is therefore more than a rude awakening, it is a shock to one's confidence, to be sternly informed by one's opponents that the four clubs which one thought one might get with difficulty must be converted into a five club call, which is possibly doubled with disaster to follow. Such mental behaviour is calculated to endear a player to his opponents but not to his partner nor to himself. He feels that for the rest of the evening he is being regarded with a certain amount of pity as though lacking in savoir-faire. Such an experience tends to make his presence at the club bridge table infrequent if it does not induce him to abandon the game altogether while he is at home.

It is interesting to speculate why any change was ever made from the old system of auction bridge. The possibility is that the Americans with their passion for levelling things up, and giving the underdog a chance as it were, could not allow such disparity of status as was implied in clubs and no trumps. If clubs were endowed with only six talents, while diamonds had seven, hearts eight, spades nine, and no trumps ten, then at least in a democratic country any combination of three individuals, no matter what their individual merits are, must be superior to a combination of any other two, no matter how superior they may be in their individual capacities. England however adheres to the more aristocratic idea, namely that the superiority of the individual is a fact which cannot be ignored nor slurred over even when the individual is joined with other superior individuals. In fact if they are joined together in sufficient numbers they form a House of Lords by virtue of their own individual intrinsic merit. Thus we see that majority calling has its roots in the national constitution and as these are very very hard to modify, it is not likely that the Portland Club will be called upon again to adjudicate on this question. We must leave it at that, and simply urge those who have been more or less Americanised during their stay in Hong Kong, to refrain from playing altogether while at home. In this way they will save money and preserve their friendships.

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MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN DECLINES TO ACCEPT POST OF CHIEF OF STAFF. DECLARES THAT KWANGTUNG NEEDS HIM.

SHANSI GOVERNOR'S KUOMINTANG POST.
GENERAL YANG SEN AND HANKOW KUOMINTANG.

TWO ARRESTS FOLLOW MURDER OF EX-PREMIER AT TIENTSIN.

According to the vernacular Press, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has been interviewing the leaders of the Nationalist Government at Nanking with reference to the post of Chief of Staff of the Kuomintang Army, offered to him by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. Marshal Li is reported emphatically to have declared his inability to undertake the duties, as Canton required his attention. Ultimately, it was decided that the post should be offered to General Ho Ying Chien. It may, therefore, be presumed that Marshal Li, who unquestionably is much needed in Kwangtung, will be able to return to Canton during the course of a week or two.

General Yang Sen and his troops on the Upper Reaches of the Yangtze, still appear to be somewhat of an enigma, it being still doubtful as to General Yang's intentions. His latest move is a demand from the Hankow Kuomintang authorities of 30 per cent. of the Hupeh Opium Tax for the purpose of enabling him to meet his military expenses. Twenty per cent. has been offered to him, but not yet accepted; and the point is evidently in abeyance. This demand was one of eight made by General Yang; but the native Press does not specify the other seven.

The Tientsin Police are reported to have made two arrests in connection with the recent murder of General Chang Shou Cheng, and a strict inquiry is being conducted.

MARSHAL LI AND THE NANKING GOVERNMENT.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 23rd.
Marshal Li Tsai Hsin yesterday conferred with the Nanking leaders, including Chiang Kai Shek, Tan Yen Kai and Li Lieh Chun regarding problems in connection with the Northern expedition.

Marshal Chiang had appointed Marshal Li Chief of Staff of the Kuomintang Army during the expedition. However, in view of the fact that Canton needs his attention, Marshal Li emphatically declared that he was unable to assume the post. Consequently, it was decided that the post of Chief of Staff should be offered to General Ho Ying Chien.

THE TIENTSIN TRAGEDY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 23rd.
The Tientsin Police have arrested two men suspected of assassinating the late General Chang Shou Cheng, and are conducting a strict inquiry.

SHANSI GOVERNOR'S MILITARY POST.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 23rd.
General Yen Shih Shan assumed office as Commander-in-Chief of the Fourth Army Corps on the 20th inst.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

GENERAL TANG'S EMISSARY AT HANKOW.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, March 22nd.
A number of bandits have been executed at Ichang and Shasi.

SHASI, March 22nd.
Everything quiet. Nothing to report.

HANKOW, March 22nd.
Loh Chun, an accredited emissary of Tang Seng Chi, is reported to have arrived at Hankow.

U.S. IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE.

APPROVE JOHNSON RESOLUTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.
The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the Johnson Resolution after reference by the Senate, which postpones the effective date of the national origin clause to one year.

H.M. THE KING AND THE SHANGHAI STATION.

GRANTS AUDIENCE TO LT.-COL. CORNWALL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 23rd.
His Majesty granted an audience to Lieut.-Col. J. H. M. Cornwall, on his appointment as Military Attaché in Berlin. Lieut.-Colonel Cornwall discussed with H.M. the King the Shanghai station, from which he has just returned.

BRITISH TRADE IN FAR EAST.

"DISTINCTLY BETTER."

PREPARING FOR STRENUOUS COMPETITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
Sir Kenneth Stewart, the vice-chairman of the China Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, expressed the opinion to-day that Lancashire's trade relations with the Far East were distinctly better than they were a year or two ago.

It might, he said, be rather Utopian to expect that Lancashire would fully regain her domination of the China market, but there was some hope that China would henceforth become a continually increasing factor of Lancashire trade.

The most hopeful sign from the Lancashire point of view was the fact that the intense anti-British feelings had now subsided and had been replaced, at least, by a moderately friendly attitude towards Great Britain.

Presiding at a gathering of the British Research Association for the woolen and worsted industries, held at Bradford, Sir James Hinchcliffe said that the keenest manufacturing competition in the future would be found in the Far East. It could only be met by increased application of scientific research to the wool textile industry.

WIRELESS v. CABLE.

STATEMENT BY MR. BALDWIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 22nd.
Mr. Baldwin answered in the House of Commons a number of questions regarding the wireless and cable telegraph services.

He said the Government and the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference had no previous knowledge of the details of, and no responsibility for, the financial arrangement recently made for the merger of the Eastern Telegraph and the Marconi Companies.

As regards the Government's attitude on the general question of wireless telegraphs—he could make no statement in advance of the reports from the Imperial Wireless Conference which only on Monday received the proposals for the merger of the Eastern Telegraph and the Marconi Companies.

But as to the attitude of the Government towards wireless in Great Britain, he thought it right to say that the Government, while prepared to join in discussing measures for a working arrangement with the amalgamated Eastern Telegraph and Marconi Companies, was not committed even in principle, and reserved freedom of action in regard to any proposals for the transfer to the combine of the operation and control of the Imperial Wireless Service at present administered by the Government.

BRITISH SUBMARINE COLLIDES.

HIT DESTROYER ON RISING TO PERISCOPE DEPTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 22nd.
The Admiralty announces that the submarine L-1 on rising to periscope depth collided with the destroyer H.M.S. Thruster. The damage appears to be confined to both periscopes and one periscope standard.

[The message appears to have been mutilated as the L-1 is in Hong Kong and was the submarine concerned in the Irene piracy affair. The submarine is probably one of the L class attached to the Portsmouth division.]

EX-PRES. HARDING AND LIBERTY BONDS.

RESULTS OF SENATE'S INVESTIGATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MARION, Ohio, March 23rd.
The Senate's special investigator has definitely established that ex-President Harding possessed none of the Liberty Bonds of the series of denominations alleged to have been hawked around to prominent persons on behalf of the Sinclair connection with the Republican Party's Campaign Funds.

DISARMAMENT.

SOVIET DELEGATE'S REPLY.

NO SUBMISSION TO LEAGUE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

GENEVA, March 22nd.
A moderate tone was adopted by M. Litvinoff, the principal Russian delegate to the Disarmament Committee, when he rose to-day to endeavour to refute the vigorous criticisms of the Soviet total disarmament plan made by Lord Cushendun, the British delegate.

M. Litvinoff made a very long statement in attempting to meet the allegations dwelling at considerable length on the Soviet's efforts in the cause of peace.

He cited the Soviet's voluntary co-operation with the Disarmament Commission as evidence of the good faith of the Russian Government, but made it clear that her co-operation at Geneva did not imply that the Soviet had undertaken to submit to any of the rulings of the League of Nations. The attitude taken by the Soviet in the matter was that it would only consider itself bound by acts drawn up by the Committee and the Disarmament Conference.

M. Litvinoff sought to meet criticisms on that score by citing the reservations made by the United States delegation that it could not accept the jurisdiction of the League and urged the United States position in support of the Soviet attitude to the League.

The Russian delegate then referred to the notorious Zinovieff Letter, described it as a fraud, and ventured criticism of Great Britain by pointing to what he described as her intervention in China and Persia.

M. Litvinoff concluded by intimating that he was prepared to continue co-operation with the Committee if the Committee declared its acceptance of the principle of total disarmament.

France Second British Proposal.
Lord Cushendun, during his speech on Tuesday, proposed that the Soviet scheme should be submitted to the various Governments concerned for consideration, and to-day Baron Clausel (France) seconded the proposal.

Spain Refuses.
It has been announced that Spain has decided to rejoin the League of Nations in response to the recent invitation to reconsider the matter.

TEA POT DOME.

SINCLAIR TO BE TRIED ALONE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.
A further step in the Teapot Dome trial has been concluded by Justice Bailey ordering Sinclair to be tried alone on April 4th, Fall being too ill to attend.

CONTROVERSIAL DUTCH BILL.

TAXATION OF NATIONALS ABROAD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 22nd.
Another shock for the Finance Minister occurred in the Second Chamber to-day, when it refused to pass Article 2 of the Bill authorising the taxation of nationals abroad.

On the resumption of the debate, the Article, which authorises the Crown to grant exemptions and to make complementary adjustments in the tax, was discussed and rejected.

The Finance Minister accordingly asked for an adjournment of the debate. When the Bill was first before the House, several clauses proved objectionable and to avoid its defeat, the Finance Minister sought refuge in an adjournment and subsequent amendments.

BRAZIL AND THE LEAGUE.

GOVERNMENT'S ESTEEM UNDIMINISHED.

CONTINUING TO CO-OPERATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 23rd.
Replying to the Council's invitation, Brazil says that the Government's high esteem for the League is undiminished despite their retirement and, notwithstanding their absence, they will continue to co-operate effectively, true to the ideal which determined the League's creation in the service of universal peace.

BRITISH NAVAL AFFAIRS.

LABOUR PARTY VIEWS.

"FIRST LORD'S" REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
Baneful influences which affected the Geneva Naval Conference were mentioned by Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) when the Navy Estimates were placed before the House of Commons in the report stage to-day.

Commander Kenworthy said he did not lay the whole blame for the failure at the conference to reach a compromise with America on our delegates, and certainly not on our technical advisers.

There were certain interests in the engineering, armour-plate rolling and arms trade which exercised a baneful influence at Geneva, and there was also the Big Navy Group in America.

Commander Kenworthy hoped that our 1925 programme would be further amended.

Mr. C. G. Ammon (Lab.), referring to the Singapore Base, invited the House to notice the distinct change of policy on the part of the Government, which he declared bore out the Opposition contention that the scheme was impracticable and likely to result in an enormous waste of money. The floating dock was not worth a snap of the fingers in war-time.

Geneva Conference.
Mr. W. C. Bridgman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, dealing with the Geneva Conference, said that if he had any reason to suppose that eight-inch gun cruisers would be limited in the future by other countries, Great Britain would repeat her previous comments, that we are quite willing to stop building eight-inch gun cruisers.

He emphasised that the Conference broke down on the question of total tonnage and not on eight-inch guns, and he hoped that if feelings were not aroused and no mischief done as between Britain and America, with the advance made at Geneva, we could make some satisfactory limitation in the not very distant future.

The Commons agreed to the report stage of the Naval Estimates after a defeat by 170 votes to 97 on a motion by Mr. Ammon for a reduction of £100 in respect of the Singapore Base, in which connection Mr. Mardy-Jones referred to the danger in certain circumstances of vessels being being caught like rats in a trap.

Mr. Mardy-Jones pointed out the difficulties surrounding the Johore case-way and asked whether a blunder had not been made which would have to be righted in the future!

Expenditure on Singapore.
In the course of the debate, a question was asked regarding expenditure on the Singapore Base, and Lieut.-Colonel Headlam stated that the total Admiralty expenditure up to the present was £568,000.

This year it was proposed to spend a further £293,000 plus £200,000 on the floating dock.

Towards that expenditure the Admiralty had received £378,000 from Hong Kong, the Malay States and New Zealand.

With regard to the rates of wages paid to the workers, there could be no question that they were not adequate. Some people in Singapore thought they were too adequate compared with the local rates of pay. Tenders for a great deal more of the work would be coming in by the end of March.

GRAECO-RUMANIA PACT SIGNED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ATHENS, March 23rd.
The Graeco-Rumanian non-aggression pact has been signed.

NEW YORK'S STOCK MARKET.

INTENSE STRUGGLE IN SPECULATIVE SHARES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 23rd.
The record number of 4,007,000 shares were sold in the stock market to-day when an intense struggle in opposing speculative shares resulted at least in a temporary halt of the violent upward swing which has been proceeding for a fortnight. The final quotations showed a long list of net declines, ranging from \$1 to \$8 a share with a sprinkling of gains, a few running from \$3 to \$13.

OBITUARY.

SENATOR W. N. FERRIS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.
The death has occurred of Senator W. N. Ferris.

KING AMANULLAH KEENLY INTERESTED.

FRESH SURPRISES FOR ROYAL VISITOR.

VISITS GREENWICH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
King Amanullah of Afghanistan to-day undertook a launch trip down the Thames and was keenly interested in what he saw.

Many big ships, including the White Star liner, *Megantic*, in the King George Fifth Dock, were passed and he inspected the great 130-ton lifting derrick which is the latest acquisition.

Customs sheds and the immense warehouses where merchandise is stored, were pointed out to the King and he was astonished at the magnitude of the docks.

Visiting Greenwich Observatory, King Amanullah was conducted round by Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal. He inspected the octagon room, the original observatory, founded by Charles II. in 1675, and designed by Christopher Wren.

He looked through the giant 29-inch telescope which weighs three and a half tons and is the largest in Europe. It had been hoped to show him a star of the first magnitude but the sky was too cloudy and there were no planets in a position favourable for observation.

POPPY DAY FUNDS.

£504,000 COLLECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
It is announced by the organisers of the British Legion Appeal Fund that £504,000 has been received as the result of the Poppy Day Appeal, 1927.

The sum includes £33,801 subscribed by British communities overseas, both figures being new high levels.

NATIVE STUDENTS ACQUITTED IN HOLLAND.

A SURPRISE DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 22nd.
A decision has been rendered in the case against four native students from the Dutch East Indies who were charged with inflammatory incitement of the public against the Government in their vernacular newspaper.

They had been held in detention since September, and on March 6th, at the close of the trial, the Public Prosecutor urged that heavy sentences should be passed. The tribunal to-day acquitted the accused.

BRITISH CRUISERS IN S. AMERICA.

NEW DEPARTURE BY THE ADMIRALTY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 22nd.
The British Admiralty have recently arranged for two cruisers to be present in South American waters during the major part of the year. It is probable that one of the two cruisers will spend most of her time on the west coast of the South American continent and the other on the East coast. They will continue to be based with the remaining ships of the squadron on Bermuda.

"ROYAL OAK" INCIDENT.

REAR-ADMIRAL COLLARD ON HALF-PAY.

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
During the debate on the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, Commander Bellairs declared that when Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel were ordered home, and left H.M.S. *Royal Oak*, the whole of the battleship's crew rushed to the side and cheered them as they departed.

Commander Bellairs mentioned that as Rear-Admiral Collard is now on half-pay, he could not be court-martialled.

WORLD'S AIR RECORD.

R.A.F. PILOTS INVITED TO VOLUNTEER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 22nd.
Royal Air Force pilots are being invited to volunteer for the attack on the world's air speed record which will be made at Calshot in about six weeks' time. Hundreds of applicants are expected and the pilot considered to have the best qualifications from the standpoint of physique and experience in high speed flights will be selected.

A Supermarine Napier S2, similar to that in which the late Flight Lieutenant Kinkadee was to have made the effort, will be used.

The Recent Fatality.

Sir Samuel Hoare stated, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, that the fuel used by Flight Lieutenant Kinkadee when he was killed while making a speed test at Calshot, was special fuel which had been used by the experimental establishment, and by two service squadrons over prolonged tests.

There was no evidence to show that fumes from this petrol disabled the deceased officer.

He added that the Ministry was following the question very closely. Medical officers in the Royal Air Force had been instructed to investigate the question very carefully.

COLONIAL GOVERNOR PENSIONS.

FOUR CLASSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 22nd.
The Committee, over which Earl Buxton presided, and of which Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore was a member, which inquired into the position of Colonial Governors, with special reference to pensions, recommended that the pensions for the four classes of Governors should be the following rates for each year of service:

First-class: £72.

Second-class: £60.

Third-class: £48.

Fourth-class: £36.

The total pension from all sources shall not exceed £3,000 per annum.

SOVIET STATE FUNDS?

WHOLESALE ARRESTS IN RUSSIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, March 22nd.
The trial has opened in the High Court involving the two biggest private Mutual Credit Societies in Moscow, it being alleged that they have been unlawfully receiving state funds for profiteering operations.

In all forty-two men are accused, the number including the chairman and directors of the Societies, a number of officials from the State Bank, and the People's Commissariat of Finance.

The People's Commissariat is alleged to have helped the Societies to obtain State credits.

The accused are being sued for 6,000,000 Roubles.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

LAI WAH CUP TIE.

TWO DIVISION I. LEAGUE GAMES.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Lai Wah Cup Competition.
Royal Navy v. Civilians, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Kick-off at 4.40 p.m.

The game will be of ninety minutes duration and extra time will be played, if necessary.

Hong Kong League.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.
R.A. v. China Athletic, Sookunpo ground. Referee: Mr. Barber.

Scots Guards v. Queen's Regt., Chatham Road ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

The chief game to-day is that in the Lai Wah Cup competition, on the Hong Kong F.C. ground between the Civilians (holders) and the Royal Navy. The Navy can field a very strong side just now and will make the Civilians go all the way. Should Northey, Kernick, Barkham and Baker be in form, the Navy should qualify for the final.

The two League games will be of interest. The one on the Garrison ground will attract the crowd and the game will be locally contested. The Gunners' chances for League honours depend on the result of this match and they will be out to win, but they are up against a strong proposition in meeting the Athletic in what may be termed a deciding game.

The Scots Guards are also in the running for League honours and they are expected to get home against the Queen's to-day on the Chatham Road ground and thus equal the points made by the K.O.S.B. in the League.

In Division I. of the League, Kowloon F.C. will meet China Athletic on the Kowloon F.C. ground on Tuesday next. Kick-off at 5 p.m.

NEXT SATURDAY'S CHARITY MATCH.

ARMY v. HONG KONG.

Under the auspices of Mrs. C. C. Luard (wife of H.E. the General Officer Commanding), President of the Military Branch of the Ministering Children's League, a Grand Charity football match has been arranged to take place at Sookunpo on Saturday, March 31st. Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

From 3 p.m. onwards the Pipe Band of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards (by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Victor A. F. Mackenzie, Bt., D.S.O., M.V.O., and the Officers, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards) and the Band of 1st Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Officers, 1st Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment) will play.

The ball to be used in this match has been kindly presented by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and will be raffled at half-time. The price of the raffle tickets is 10 cents.

The match is between the Army and Hong Kong and should prove to be a most exciting game and it is hoped will be well patronised.

The following is the Army team:—C.S.M. Anderson (3/K.O.S.B.); Guardsman Hirst (2/Scots Guards) and Pte. Martin (2/K.O.S.B.); Guardsman Carswell (2/Scots Guards), S/Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.) (captain), and Sgt. Hill (1st Bn. Queen's Royal Regt.); Pte. Campbell (2/K.O.S.B.); Guardsman Aird (2/Scots Guards); Sgt. Leach (R.A.); Sgt. McGilchey (2/K.O.S.B.) and Pte. Alexander (2/K.O.S.B.).

KOWLOON F.C. v. H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" (?)

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in a friendly match on the Kowloon ground to-day; kick off at 4 p.m. sharp. Opponents, probably, H.M.S. Cumberland:—

Slipper; Wheeler; Dodshaw; Guest, Sims, Bliss; Pile, Ternan, Kernick, Muir, Vickers.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 22nd.

In Division III. (Southern Section) of the Football League to-day, Newport defeated Exeter by a goal to nil, at Newport.

FANLING HUNT.

The meet to-day (Saturday) will be at Lok Ma Chau cross roads instead of Mr. Potts' Bungalow.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

S. E. GREEN, AGAIN.

By defeating J. G. Lawrie in the third round of the Club Singles Championship yesterday, S. E. Green entered the semi-final where he will meet either Lawrence or Sewell. The veteran, who was won the event for the past three years, opened comfortably and took the first set at 6-1, but Lawrie gave him a closer run in the second set which also went to Green.

In the re-play in the Open Singles between J. M. da Silva and E. D. Lawrence, whose match was abandoned last week on account of failing light when the score stood at two set all, the former won in straight sets. The standard was disappointing, Lawrence being completely off-form. Silva now meets Ng Sze Kwong.

In another re-play, Sakji and Isomura beat Henderson and Brearley in the Open Doubles by three sets to one. The pairs were very evenly matched and many long and exciting rallies enlivened the play. The Japanese showed up better at net work and this advantage won them the match. Henderson and Brearley took the second set which was keenly fought for, the winners taking it at 7-5, after nearly losing it.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles.

J. M. da Silva beat E. D. Lawrence, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Open Doubles.

Y. Sakji and T. Isomura beat R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Club Singles.

Third Round.

S. E. Green beat J. G. Lawrie, 6-1, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A."

Capt. E. H. J. Larkcom (rec. 4/0) beat G. C. Grove (owe. 1/0), 1-0, 6-3, 8-0.

Handicap Singles "B."

A. C. Howell (rec. 1/0) beat A. Reid (owe. 4/0), 6-4, 6-4.

Dr. C. H. Buxton (rec. 15/1) beat G. Rankin (rec. 15), 6-2, 6-3.

C. L. C. Sandes (rec. 3/0) beat W. A. Stewart (rec. 15/1), 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

HONG KONG WINS INTER-PORT BILLIARDS.

FINE DISPLAYS BY A. J. OSMUND AND C. M. P. REMEDIOS.

LAST NIGHT'S GAMES.

Our local champion, Mr. A. J. Osmund, once again displayed his accuracy and all round form by defeating Mr. G. M. P. Remedios in the last of the series of the Portuguese Interport Billiards matches which was played at the Club Lusitano last night.

By far the best of the Shanghai players yet to meet any Hong Kong player, Mr. Remedios did extremely well during the first half of the game, leaving his opponent far behind. Throughout the game he was warmly applauded for many difficult shots and although he failed to win he left an impression of a very fine player.

It was not until Mr. Remedios reached his 25th points that Mr. Osmund was able to find his form but he did so to some purpose and made a break of 115 points, the highest of the evening. This put him ahead of his opponent and from that stage of the game he gradually increased his lead, finally winning the game with 150 points in hand. His second highest break of 91 was brought to an abrupt end when everyone was confident that he would pass his last break of 115.

Mr. Osmund's average for the game was 13.1, while Mr. Remedios, whose last break was 62 averaged 8.2.

Interviewed by the "Daily Press" representative, Mr. Osmund remarked that "he made me extremely uncomfortable during the first half of the game. Somehow I couldn't get the balls to run my way. However, later I managed to settle down, and it was only after my break of 115 that I could breathe again."

Hong Kong had won the Interport Billiards Match by the big margin of 1,050 points. The highest break of the series were made last night by Mr. Osmund and Mr. Remedios, while the best average is also conceded to Mr. Osmund with 13.1.

The highest breaks for the evening were:—

Mr. Osmund: 20, 30, 40, 45, 115, 35, and 91.

Mr. Remedios: 22, 22, 25, 20, 23, and 35.

Prize Giving Arrangements.

On Tuesday, March 27th, a dinner and smoking-concert will be held at Club Lusitano, and the Consul General for Portugal, Mr. A. L. C. de Albuquerque e Castro, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes. A Shield has been presented by the Portuguese firms in Hong Kong, while the trophies for winners have been presented by Mr. C. A. da Rosa.

The "Bay's" Cup for the highest break was presented by Mr. L. Dumbur, and a cup for highest average has been presented by the Club Lusitano.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.21 a.m.	Major Lynch and S. S. Strahan.
9.23 ..	G. W. Hoare Smith and H. Rogers.
9.32 ..	G. Garrett and H. Graves.
9.38 ..	D. C. Burleigh and R. A. Campbell.
9.40 ..	A. Leach and F. Taylor.
9.41 ..	C. B. Dunnett and H. G. Hegarty.
9.48 ..	D. J. Gilmore and K. S. Morrison.
9.52 ..	H. Spicer and R. W. Gardner.
9.56 ..	M. M. Maas and I. W. Shevan.
10.00 ..	E. P. Strentfield and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.04 ..	W. A. Butterfield and W. A. Cornell.
10.08 ..	R. P. Moodie and R. A. Green.
10.12 ..	A. D. Humphreys and A. B. Purves.
10.16 ..	W. A. Weight and W. C. Clark.
10.20 ..	G. C. Moxon and P. P. J. Woodhouse.
10.24 ..	L. R. Wheen and J. Thayer.
10.28 ..	A. E. Lissaman and F. A. Redmond.
10.32 ..	A. J. Frank and D. M. Goodall.
10.36 ..	E. D. Black and M. G. Mills.
10.40 ..	H. F. Bloxham and A. H. Ferguson.
10.44 ..	S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
10.48 ..	R. I. Stewart and W. Beveridge.
10.52 ..	G. E. Ellams and W. K. Tait.
10.56 ..	H. R. Forsyth and A. Sommerfeld.
11.00 ..	M. D. G. Hoare and J. D. Mead.
11.04 ..	A. R. Cox and S. C. Feltham.
11.08 ..	Capt. Dobbie and C. B. Johnson.
11.12 ..	F. G. Fowle and B. P. MacMahon.
11.16 ..	G. Murray and E. Des Vaux.
11.20 ..	J. W. Alabaster and H. G. Lammert.
11.24 ..	D. S. Eyward and E. P. Fletcher.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The annual Oxford v. Cambridge match will take place at Fanling to-morrow, when singles will be played in the morning on the Relief Course, and four-balls in the afternoon on the Old Course.

The following will be the sides:—
Oxford:—R. E. Holt, C. E. H. Beavis, E. R. Hallifax, D. W. Tramm, E. K. Ewart, E. L. Mackay, A. E. Wood, G. R. Sayer.
Cambridge:—T. D. E. Pendered, G. G. le Gros, R. E. Lindell, E. Davidson, G. S. Hugh-Jones, F. Syme-Thomson, E. D. C. Wolfe, J. T. Prior.

The train from Kowloon will be the 9.04 a.m.

BASEBALL.

SERIES OF GAMES ARRANGED WITH U.S.S. "PITTSBURG."

The Hong Kong Baseball Association held a meeting yesterday at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant in order to select a team to play against the U.S.S. "Pittsburg" whose players are champions of the Asiatic fleet.

The following fixtures were arranged:—

To-day, 3.30 p.m.:—
Japanese Baseball Club.
To-morrow (Sunday), 4 p.m.:—
South China A.A.
Wednesday, 29th, 6.15 p.m.:—
Filipino Club.

Saturday, 31st, 1.30 p.m.:—
All Hong Kong.
Sunday, April 1st, 4 p.m.:—
All Hong Kong.

All Hong Kong will be represented by the following:—Lee-Cockey; S. Hachiuma, p.; Zafra, c.; Leonard, 1b.; S. Hachiuma, 2b.; Y. Hachiuma, 3b.; Alves, ss.; L. Rocha, 1b.; Kusano, c.f.; D. Chinn, r.f. Substitutes: Burrell, Gosano, Sling, Bautista and T. Chinn.

These members of All Hong Kong are requested to be present at the practice match on Thursday, March 29th, at 5.15 p.m.

All members will be played at the S.C.A.A. football ground at Caroline Hill, Causeway Bay.

Entrance to be as usual, i.e., 50 cents, 20 cents for soldiers and sailors in uniform and children, ladies by courtesy.

HOCKEY.

A hockey team from Sharnan will play the Hong Kong Hockey 1st XI to-morrow, at 10.30 a.m., on the U.S.B.C. ground, Kowloon. The Club team will be:—Howell, Henry, Farquharson, Lloyd, Dand (capt.), Murray, Shipper, Mitchell, Wheeler, Woodward, Laizert.

On Wednesday, at 5.15 p.m. on the R.N.O.S.C. ground, King's Park, the Hong Kong Hockey Club will play the Royal Navy. The Club team will be:—Lockhart, Smith, Henry, Lyon, Lloyd, Dand (captain), Farquharson, Woodward, Mitchell, Lawrence, Wheeler, A. N. Other.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

SEVENTH EXTRA MEETING.

PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the seventh extra meeting to be held by the Macao Race Club at Macao on Sunday, April 15th. Entries close on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 1 p.m.:—

The April Novices Stakes:

One Mile.

Winner \$50; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50. For non-winning China ponies of this year, whether started or not. Sub-griffins of this year of the Hong Kong Jockey Club allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won more than five races but jockeys to carry 2 lbs. extra for each win.

The Operto Handicap "A" Class: Six Furlongs.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. For all China ponies.

The Sprint Race: Half Mile.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. For all China ponies that have not been placed since January 1st, 1928. Weight for inches as per scale. Sub-griffins of this year of the Hong Kong Jockey Club allowed 5 lbs. (Jockey allowance).

The Operto Handicap "B" Class: Six Furlongs.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. For all China ponies.

The Macao First Aggregate Stakes: One Mile.
Winner \$350; 2nd \$180; 3rd \$100. For all China ponies. Catch weights 148 lbs. 5 lbs. extra for each win at time of entry. Maximum penalties 20 lbs. Sub-griffins of any season of any Race Club allowed 5 lbs. (Jockey allowance).

A cup called the Aggregate Cup to be run for five times will be presented to the winning ponies by scoring the most marks in the races for the Aggregate Stakes during the 1928 season, counting 4 points for a first, 2 for a second, and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks scored to pass with the pony on a sale. In the event of two or more ponies tying with the same number of points, the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is worth \$500 or shall run off at a date to be fixed by the Committee, not being the same day but within three weeks. In the event of a run off, the weights shall be "Weight for inches as per scale."

The Operto Handicap "C" Class: Six Furlongs.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. For all China ponies.

The Lisboa Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. A Handicap of all China ponies that have won and been placed this year.

The April Consolation Stakes: Six Furlongs.
Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. A forced entry of \$5 each for all China ponies entered at this meeting. Winners and placed ponies barred. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance).

YACHTING.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS IN CRUISER CLASSES.

SUCCESS OF "NORSEMAN" AND "SNIPE."

From the series of five races which have been sailed this season for the Cruiser Classes "Norseman" wins the "E" Class Championship with a total of 62 points and "Snipe" the "O" Class Championship with a total of 35 points. The full results are as follows:—

"E" Class.	
1st Norseman	62 points.
2nd Curlew	50 "
3rd U. and I	41 "
4th Le Cigale	40 "
5th Quatre-Hearts	40 "
6th Feather	40 "
7th Coquette	27 "
8th Typhoon	17 "

"O" Class.	
1st Snipe	35 points.
2nd Imogen	29 "
3rd Hele	24 "
4th Dorothy II	7 "

Actually "Norseman" and "Curlew" tied for first place in their Class Championship but as a result of a re-sail "Norseman" became the winner.

"Typhoon" only turned out for two races.

Commodore's Onps.
The results for this cup which was sailed over a course of Channel Rocks, Kowloon, Mark On Line, Tathong Rock, Mark On Line, Channel-Rocks are as follows:

1st La Cigale	
2nd Coquette	
3rd U. and I	
4th Snipe	
5th Typhoon	
6th Imogen	
7th Hele	
8th Norseman	
10th Curlew	
11th Dorothy II	

La Cigale takes "Commodore's" Cup; "Snipe" "Vice-Commodore's" Cup; "Coquette" "Rear-Commodore's" Cup.

VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

SATISFACTORY REPORT.

THE "GROUP SYSTEM" EXPLAINED.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Association was held yesterday evening in the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The Very Rev. the Dean (the Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.C.) presided and a satisfactory report was presented, being read by the Rev. N. V. Halward in the absence of Mrs. Wolfe the Hon. Secretary, who is indisposed.

Following the business part of the meeting an interesting address on the organization of the V.D.A. into groups with suggested activities for each group was given by Miss Sawyer who was warmly thanked for her helpful suggestions.

THE REPORT.

The Report stated that the membership in Lagana is rather more than 1,000 and in Hong Kong 275. LONDON REUNION.—The Reunion in London last year commenced with a service of Holy Communion at St. Martin-in-the-Field at which the Bishop of Victoria celebrated and the Rev. G. K. Lindsay gave the address. There was a large gathering for the Reunion itself at which the Bishop of London presided.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.—The new Constitution came into being at the annual General Meeting held on March 7th and is on trial for two years. A Council, Standing Committee and a Finance Committee were formed. The original members were nominated by the Bishop and elected at the annual meeting.

The Council is composed of the following:—The Bishop as President and Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Joint Hon. Secretary, Naval Group (2 representatives), Army Group (2), Mothers' Union, Hong Kong (1), Mothers' Union, Kowloon (1), St. Peter's Group (2), St. Andrew's (3), Educational (2), Mission to Seamen (2), Cathedral (3), Chinese Church Body (4), C.M.A. (2), co-opted members (2 at present).

One representative of each Group serves as Group Secretary.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE is composed of the following:—The Bishop as Chairman and President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary and Joint Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Group Secretaries of the Army, Navy, Cathedral, St. Andrew's and the Chinese Church Body and two co-opted members.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE is composed of:—The Bishop or Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, three others.

MEETINGS.—Meetings of the Council were held on March 14th and on October 14th.

The Standing Committee met on the following dates in the Cathedral Hall:—March 28th, April 22nd, October 7th and December 9th.

At the third meeting it was decided to appoint the Diocesan Chaplain as Joint Hon. Secretary.

At the fourth meeting the name of the "Grass Lawn Fund" was changed to "V.D.A. Sales, London, and that of the "Toy Fund" to "Ainas Gifts Fund."

It was also decided to form a "Support Group" for members not resident in Hong Kong with a Group Secretary, the main object, being the collecting of subscriptions and to ease the Hon. Secretary of a certain amount of correspondence.

The Finance Committee met on the same dates as the Standing Committee. The following grants were made during the year:—\$300 to St. Andrew's Hostel, Canton; \$100 to Gospel Hall, Castle Peak; \$500 to St. Stephen's Hall (Hotel for women students at Hong Kong University) being earmarked donation; \$100 to the Diocesan Library; \$700 to various workers in the diocese.

"At Home"—Two "At Homes" were held in the Helena May Institute. At the first one on April 21st, the speakers were the Rev. W. W. Rogers and the Rev. C. B. Shann, their subjects being "The Training of Ordination Candidates for the Chinese Church in South China." At the second one on November 17th, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Cassidy, spoke, and the Rev. G. T. Wedderburn, M.A., gave the short address on his work for the Mission to Seamen.

V.D.A. SUNDAY.—Sunday, November 20th, was observed as V.D.A. Sunday by the various Churches and special sermons were preached.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.—In the autumn the Hospital Supplies Committee was reorganised and there is now a Central Committee consisting of the following ladies:—Mrs. A. O. Hynes (Chairman), Mrs. C. I. Cooke (Secretary and Treasurer), Mrs. R. M. Henderson, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Jackman, Miss Yuen.

XMAS GIFTS FUND.—An appeal for donations was sent out in the middle of November and a notice printed in the Press on November 17th to which there was a very generous response resulting in a total of \$311 also several gifts of toys. Gifts were purchased and sent to 916 children, also to patients in the Government Civil, Netherhole, Pakhoi and Yunnanfu Hospitals. A cheque for \$100 was given to Miss Jennings of the Victoria Home and Orphanage for the purchase of prizes and gifts for 100 children in the C.M.S. Vernacular Day Schools and \$25 to Miss Deswick for gifts to the inmates of the Blind Home, Kowloon City. Among other Institutions helped were 10 schools in Canton, 5 in Pakhoi and the Causeway Bay Schools.

V.D.A. SALES, LONDON.—During the year goods to the value of nearly \$800 were despatched to England for the Bazaar held in London in November. On the departure of Mrs. Russell-Brown from the Colony the duties of Secretary were taken over by Miss Roffey.

REPORTS OF GROUP SECRETARIES.

CATHEDRAL GROUP: V.D.A.—This Group consists of 117 members, who have co-operated throughout the year in various undertakings connected with objects of the Association. Amongst these have been the Christmas Gifts Fund and an effort has been made to supply hospital necessities to the hospitals in the Diocese. Mrs. A. C. Hynes, together with a committee of ladies, has got the work well in hand. Working parties are to be held regularly in future for this purpose.

So far the Group is in comparative infancy and many new activities will be formed.

ST. ANDREW'S GROUP.—There are at present 24 members. It has been difficult to organise anything. A meeting for men was held in Mr. Cock's house in November when Mr. Cassidy spoke. I have not been notified of any new members yet as a result of this meeting.

ST. PETER'S GROUP.—The St. Peter's Church Branch of the V.D.A. came into existence when the Association was reorganised in February, 1927. Our membership then stood at 13. It has now increased to 20. The Branch is at present undertaking the task of making suits of clothing for Chinese patients in hospitals at Yunnanfu and Pakhoi. Materials for this work are supplied by the V.D.A. Hospital Supplies Committee. It is the feeling of the writer that this Branch can be aroused to much activity if definite tasks are set apart for its members. The Church has asked the Branch to be responsible for organising activities such as annual picnics for the blind and crippled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:—Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe; Joint Hon. Secretary, Rev. N. V. Halward. (Minute 6 of Council held October 14th, 1927).

Group Representatives:—Navy, Rev. G. H. Hewitt and Mrs. Hewitt; Army, Mrs. Riley and Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E.; Mothers' Union (Hong Kong), Mrs. Duppuy; Mothers' Union (Kowloon), Mrs. Rogers; St. Peter's, Mr. A. E. Lea and Miss B. Yuen; St. Andrew's, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Mr. F. Stapleton and Miss Sawyer; Educational, Mrs. Shann and Mr. E. C. Stewart; Mission to Seamen, Rev. G. T. Wedderburn and Mr. L. Forster; Cathedral, The Very



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An opportunity was afforded me here to-day of making the first trial flights in the new Short Calcutta flying-boat, built entirely of metal, which is to be used ultimately on an Imperial air route. The first favourable impression of the boat formed at the launch was more than confirmed by a flight over the Medway and the countryside along the river. It seems that at last Great Britain has a passenger flying-boat which combines complete comfort for its passengers, a pleasing and welcome absence of noise and vibration, and, allied with a sound aerodynamic performance generally, a useful cruising speed of 100 miles an hour.

The boat, which has been built by Short Brothers, of Rochester, weighs just over nine tons. The process of embarkation through the forward hatchway proved on the water to be no more difficult than stepping into a motor-car. The cabin holds 15 passengers, and in any seat unrestricted views were possible, while by sitting next one of the 12 oval portholes a delightful outlook was gained over the Kent countryside smiling in the unobscured sunshine. As the hull is slung underneath the wings in a flying-boat, there are no wings and struts to impede the view, and 1,000ft. above the Medway the cabin was filled with sunshine. The machine to-day was far steadier than a railway carriage, and even on a bump day the air disturbance is less over water up and down the cabin in comfort, and, greatest novelty of all, smoke at ease anywhere; as the structure is metal no fuel is carried inside the hull. Although the silencers have not yet been fitted to the three Bristol Jupiter radial engines of 455 horse-power each, conversation could be carried on without strain in the cabin, because, owing to the requirements of flying-boat design, the engines are placed high up and the sound is cut off by the interposition of a broad lower wing. The ventilation seemed excellent, and with two portholes open a pleasant breeze could be wafted through the interior.

Easy Take Off.

The pilot took the boat off the water in ten seconds without any smother from the hull, rose rapidly to 500ft., and then cruised round with hands off the controls at 90 to 100 miles an hour, showing that the boat once trimmed to a certain speed would maintain that speed without attention. Then, when gently alighted without any of the bumping inevitable on the average aerodrome case of manoeuvre was demonstrated by the rapidity with which he turned the boat almost in its own length by opening up the outboard engine and throttling down the others. Maximum speed has not yet been developed, as slight changes have to be made in the airscrews, but there will be no difficulty in reaching 120 miles an hour and cruising at a steady 100 miles an hour.

Asset to Imperial Airways.

The Short Calcutta should prove a very popular passenger carrier when it is put into service. It is to be hoped that the Air Ministry will lose no time in passing the boat through the official trials at Felixstowe Seaplane Station, and then come to a decision as to her immediate use. Obviously, a short period of experimental operation in home waters is desirable, and in the past it has been usual to make an arrangement with Imperial Airways to carry out a certain number of hours' flying with new commercial aircraft, but not on a stated route. This has proved unsatisfactory in many ways, and a more practical plan would be to allow Imperial Airways a special subsidy to enable the Calcutta to be run on a definite, even if experimental, commercial air service in European waters before sending her farther afield.

The route which Imperial Airways would probably welcome would be from Southampton to Cherbourg, but French naval conditions at Cherbourg have always stood in the way of any regular service. This restriction would not apply to the German ports, and the enterprise of the Luft Hansa, and their readiness to co-operate with the British air line, suggests that it would not be difficult to arrange a very useful experimental service, both to test out the boat in day-to-day operation, and to explore the commercial possibilities of a flying-boat route between England and Germany. There is considerable business traffic between the two countries, and the distances from the ports are such that the saving in time over the present steamer passages would be substantial. Using a temporary station at the mouth of the Thames, Antwerp is just 300 miles away, the Hook of Holland is 180, and a service might call at these ports before going on to Hamburg, which in a direct line is 400 miles, while even from Hull to Hamburg the distance is not any greater.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

UNION CHURCH (Kowloon Road).

SUNDAY SERVICES, March 25th.—Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.—General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade. Hymns: 110, 470, 314 and 192. Preacher—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.—Hymns: 298, 227, 498 and 369. Preacher—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
WEDNESDAY, March 28th, at 8.15.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.
FRIDAY, March 30th, at 5.30.—Minister's Bible Class. [95]

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Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Reading Room at above address, open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. [37]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

SUNDAY, 25th March, 1928, 5th Sunday in Lent.—8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10.00 a.m.—Children's Service. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer: Preacher, The Vicar. Subject—"Mary, the mother of our Lord."
2.45 p.m.—Children's Service and Baptisms.
Preacher, Mr. P. Sands, M.A.
3.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer: Preacher, Rev. E. A. Wittenbach, M.A.
Subject—"Fidelity."
MONDAY, 26th March, 1928.—The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. [5874]

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RED ROWDYISM IN ENGLAND.

POLICE ORDERED TO ATTEND POLITICAL MEETINGS.

The Home Office, in a statement, says there is evidence in recent years of an organised attempt by the more irresponsible elements of certain sections of the population seriously to interfere with the right of free speech at the meetings of their political opponents. Having regard to the risk of such organised interference leading to disorder and breaches of the peace, Sir William Joyce, Secretary of the Home Office, has advised chief constables that they should accede to applications from responsible persons of all recognised political parties for police to be present inside as well as outside the meetings, without charge to the promoters, if the chief constables are satisfied that there is reason to expect any disorder. Where there was reason to suppose that disorderly persons were being imported from other districts, police assistance should be obtained from the areas in which such persons live, so that they could be identified.

It will be a waste of the possibilities of this new boat to use it on short flights in home waters. When the second boat is finished the two craft might be operated in the Mediterranean for a time, for there is an obvious route via Italy and Greece to Haifa, in Palestine, where it is not difficult to link up with the Middle East air route. There is also the air route from Alexandria up the Nile to East Africa, and farther east still is the Calcutta-Bangkok link in the England-to-Australia route, eminently suitable for flying-boat operation.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 23rd.

	Previous Day	On Day	On Day
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	30.0	30.07	30.03
Temperature...	67	61	65
Humidity...	78	94	88
Wind—Direction...	ENE	ENE	East
Force...	4	4	4
Weather...	0	OD	1
Rain...	0.00	0.0	0.03
Highest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 68			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 23rd: 61			

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 24th to 30th, 1928.

	High Water	Low Water
	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Sat. 24	h. m. 10 48	h. m. 4 52
Sun. 25	h. m. 11 38	h. m. 5 12
Mon. 26	h. m. 0 46	h. m. 6 3
Tue. 27	h. m. 2 13	h. m. 6 26
Wed. 28	h. m. 4 8	h. m. 6 19
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LOW CARGO RETURNS.

JAPANESE VESSELS BEST CARRIERS.

There were only thirteen arrivals and twelve departures during the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday and the general cargoes manifested for both Hong Kong and ports beyond were very low. Japanese vessels throughout were best cargo carriers. The total amount of general merchandise discharged for this port amounted to 2,964 tons, and of this total only 60 tons was contributed by one British vessel. Two Japanese vessels were best cargo carriers. The s.s. *Times Maru* arriving from Shanghai and Keelung discharged 1,000 tons of coal, and the s.s. *Horizon Maru* from Keelung and Swatow had 900 tons of coal. Through freights were also low, and totalled 9,397 tons. Only 1,600 tons were carried by one British vessel for through ports, while the best returns were again from Japanese vessels. The s.s. *Kashima Maru* arriving from Yokohama and Shanghai carried 2,873 tons of general cargo, and the s.s. *Hawaii Maru* had 2,630 tons from Kobe and Nagasaki.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	2	3
Swedish	1	0
Japanese	5	4
Chinese	5	2
Norwegian	0	2
French	0	1
Total	13	12

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changie, April 6th.
Taiping, May 11th.

Bank Line.

City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Cardiff, April 14th.
City of London, April 14th.
City of Birmingham, May 4th.
City of New Castle, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Peking, July 7th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Enryochus, to-day.
Mendula, March 26th.
Automelon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phenias, April 11th.
Agapenor, April 15th.
Laomedon, April 17th.
Knight Companion, April 22nd.
Orontes, April 22nd.
Diomedes, April 26th.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Machon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Meriones, May 9th.
Adriatic, May 10th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 25th.
Pericles, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Atreus, June 27th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Thebes, July 25th.
Sarpedon, July 28th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Takura, to-day.
Takada, to-morrow.
Shirada, March 31st.
Talanba, April 9th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, March 29th.
Empress of Canada, April 5th.
Dodwell & Co.

Bolton Castle, to-morrow.
Fencia, March 29th.
Toledo, April 12th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Adams, to-day.
President Cleveland, March 29th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Africa, April 5th.
Malaya, April 27th.
Danmark, May 29th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, March 29th.
Arifura, April 2nd.
Tanda, May 25th.

Glen Line.
Glenara, April 8th.
Glenloch, April 15th.
Carnarvonshire, April 23rd.
Glenbeg, May 11th.
Pembroke, May 29th.

Hamburg-America Line and Hapo Stinnes Linie.
Resolute, March 29th.
Crest Lejen, April 2nd.
Adolf von Hoyer, April 6th.
Freussen, April 18th.
Ermland, May 2nd.

Java-China-Japan Lija.
Tjitaroen, to-day.
Tjitalak, March 29th.

Tjikembang, March 29th.
Tjiondara, April 2nd.
Tjileboet, April 9th.
Tjimanock, April 9th.
Tjitarang, April 12th.
Tjipanas, April 15th.
Tjiasroea, April 18th.
Tjikini, April 23rd.

Messageries Maritimes.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.
Porthos, March 27th.
Chenonceaux, April 10th.
Capt. Faure, April 21st.
Athos II, April 24th.
D'Aragnan, May 8th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Genoa Maru, March 27th.
Maybashi Maru, March 27th.
Tengo Maru, March 27th.
Akita Maru, March 29th.
Bokuyo Maru, April 5th.
Hakone Maru, April 6th.
Yagano Maru, April 8th.
Kanagawa Maru, April 9th.
Awa Maru, April 10th.
Korea Maru, April 10th.
Lima Maru, April 13th.
Toba Maru, April 14th.
Suwa Maru, April 20th.
Aki Maru, April 24th.
Lisbon Maru, April 28th.
Fushimi Maru, May 4th.
Hakata Maru, May 9th.
Toyoaka Maru, May 13th.
Tengama Maru, May 13th.
Hakozaki Maru, May 18th.
Mishima Maru, May 22nd.
Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Lahore, to-morrow.
Mirapore, to-morrow.
Morea, Mar. 29th.
Mantua, March 30th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Jeypore, April 13th.
Malua, April 26th.
Nouva, May 7th.
Della, May 10th.
Bangkok, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Klyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 31st.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 18th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

CANTON BOATS.

[BY LONGFORDMAN.]

Beginning from to-morrow the night sailing of the s.s. *Tung On* and *Sai On* will be at 10.30 p.m. nightly from here instead of at 11 p.m.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.
Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 543. They were carried by five steamers.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in port yesterday:—
North Wall Basin, *Cornflower*, *Magnolia*, *Serpis*, *South Wall*, *Basin*, *Petersfield*, *Marazion*, *East Wall Basin*, *Mothe*, *Gannet*, *Seamew*, *Luz*, *North Arm*, *Iroquois*, *Belgol*, *Sirdar*, *No. 4 Buoy*, *Foggoe*, *No. 5 Buoy*, *Cumberland*, *No. 6 Buoy*, *Hermes*, *No. 7 Buoy*, *Titanica*, *S/Ms.*, *No. 8 Buoy*, *Ambrise*, *S/Ms.*, *No. 9 Buoy*, *Tarantula*, *No. 19 Buoy*, *Ruthenia*, *Kowloon*, *Anchorage*, *France*.
Foreign Men of War—U.S.S. *Pampanga*, *Pittsburgh*, *Paul Jones*, *Beaver* and 6 Submarines; Portuguese, *Patria*, *Pero De Alencar*.

MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT.

The following vessels were in port yesterday:—

British: *Chenau*, *Luchow*, *Ho Sang*, *Hin Sang*, *Haining*, *Kwai Sang*, *Kueichow*, *Haihsing*, *New Maitland*, *Kwangtung*, *Kalgan*, *Seitan*, *Anking*, *Nanning*, *Faluda*, *Tyndareus*, *Chinkiang*, *Telemanhua*, *Gorgan*, *Halvard*, *Gorgitan*, *Sumatra*, *Taikoo*.
Norwegian: *Hellas*, *Prosper*, *Solviken*.
German: *Dorcy*.
French: *Tonkin*, *Bourbon*.
Portuguese: *Kong On*, *King On*.
Swedish: *Atlanta*.
Japanese: *Kashima Maru*, *Hosan Maru*, *Lu Shan Maru*, *Hawaii Maru*, *Koja Maru*, *Taihou Maru*, *Fukuji Maru*, *Tencho Maru*.
Chinese: *Sun Sai Kai*, *Soon Ann*, *Tejo Maru*, *Hsin Foo Sing*, *Tai Lee No. 1*, *Mao Lee*, *Lee On*, *Chi Tung*, *Hoi Cheong*, *Haimun*, *Ban Foo*, *Soon*, *Lee Cheong*, *Gen. H. Sun*, *Man Sun*.
Dutch: *Selena*, *Jan*, *Otto*, *Hong Kong*, *Hankow*.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.24 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
To-morrow	6.23	6.30
Monday	6.22	6.37

Horndentischer Lloyd, Bremen.

Angr, March 28th.
Trier, April 9th.
Alter, April 25th.
Truce, May 18th.

Prince Line.
Asiatic Prince, April 13th.
Javanese Prince, May 8th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Formosa, April 27th.

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"MIRAPUR" 9,123	27th Mar.	1st Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA" 10,946	31st Mar.	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN" 9,144	7th April	1st Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA" 16,004	14th April	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE" 5,283	21st April	1st Mar.	do.
"MOHEA" 10,933	28th April	1st Mar.	do.
"LAHORE" 5,352	7th May	1st Mar.	do.
"KASHGAR" 9,000	12th May	1st Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"KIDDERPORE" 5,354	22nd May	1st Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA" 10,936	28th May	1st Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE" 5,319	2nd June	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"ALIPORE" 5,273	5th June	1st Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA" 8,097	12th June	1st Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NOVARA" 6,989	16th June	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA" 16,001	23rd June	1st Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER" 9,114	30th June	1st Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"NANKIN" 7,038	14th July	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI" 18,519	21st July	1st Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR" 8,585	28th Aug.	1st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA" 16,583	18th Aug.	1st Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN" 9,144	1st Sept.	1st Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA" 10,936	15th Sept.	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.

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"TAKIWA" 7,936	25th Mar.	1st Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA" 7,841	2nd Apr.	1st Mar.	do.
"SANTHA" 7,761	11th Apr.	1st Mar.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"ST. ALBANS" 4,500	30th Mar., 4 p.m.	1st Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA" 6,000	4th May	1st Mar.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"TANDA" 6,956	1st June	1st Mar.	Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS" 4,500	29th June	1st Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA" 6,000	1st Aug.	1st Mar.	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers to Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"LAHORE"	5,352	28th Mar., 11 a.m.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	9,246	29th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MORABA"	10,933	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	11th April	Amoy, Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th April	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,354	14th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"JEYPORE"	5,319	17th April	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"HATIPARA"	7,761	21st April	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MALWA"	10,936	22nd April	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"NOVARA"	6,989	8th May	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th May	do.
"MANUPUR"	16,301	13th May	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SPANKING"	7,761	3rd June	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KAWAHS"	4,700	4th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	5,114	8th June	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd June	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHEMIR"	9,985	6th July	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,593	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama.
"KALPAT"	9,146	23rd Aug.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,936	17th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Aug.	do.
"MORABA"	10,953	14th Sept.	do.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via NAGAPATAN (letters only), London 23rd Feb.)	Eurylochus	24th Mar.
SEASIDE	Seaside	24th Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
AMOT	Takaka	24th Mar.
Europe via NAGAPATAN (papers only), London, 23rd Feb.)	Takaka	24th Mar.
CALCUTTA & STRAITS	Takaka	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI	Takaka	24th Mar.
HANNA	Takaka	24th Mar.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	24th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd April.	Kashima Maru	Saturday, 24th, 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April.	Kashima Maru	Sunday, 25th, 9.30 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Hongkong	Monday, 26th, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	Kashima Maru	Tuesday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
Amoy	Kashima Maru	Wednesday, 28th, 9.30 A.M.
Manila	Kashima Maru	Thursday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	Hongkong	Friday, 30th, 9.30 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kashima Maru	Saturday, 31st, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	Kashima Maru	Sunday, 1st, 9.30 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Hongkong	Monday, 2nd, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kashima Maru	Tuesday, 3rd, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	Kashima Maru	Wednesday, 4th, 9.30 A.M.
Amoy	Kashima Maru	Thursday, 5th, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	Kashima Maru	Friday, 6th, 9.30 A.M.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th April.	Kashima Maru	Saturday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 15th April, & Europe via Siberia	Kashima Maru	Sunday, 28th, 9.30 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Hongkong	Monday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kashima Maru	Tuesday, 30th, 9.30 A.M.
Straits	Kashima Maru	Wednesday, 1st, 9.30 A.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kashima Maru	Thursday, 2nd, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kashima Maru	Friday, 3rd, 9.30 A.M.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 14th April.	Kashima Maru	Saturday, 4th, 9.30 A.M.
Sandakan	Kashima Maru	Sunday, 5th, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kashima Maru	Monday, 6th, 9.30 A.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928. [36]

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2]

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O. STEENSTRA, Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34]

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L. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928. [35]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [30]

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Bangkok, Batavia, Bencoolen, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Hongkong, Kowloon, London, Lyons, Manilla, Medan, Penang, Peking, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow, Tientsin, Yokohama.

HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

O. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hong Kong, 18th April, 1927. [29]

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(Special authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital\$50,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL19,733,200.00
RESERVE FUND9,864,388.69

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Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on Approved Securities.

Special facilities for domestic exchange.
SHOU J. OHEN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [37]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

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Subscribed Capital... Frs. 75,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital... Frs. 63,400,000.00
Reserve Fund... Frs. 39,384,518.10

Branches:—
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Bankers:—
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
OH. LEM, Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th Feb., 1927. [32]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong, No. 10, DES VOGES ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

Authorized Capital... \$10,000,000
Paid-Up Capital... \$5,000,000
Reserve... \$2,000,000

Branches and Agencies:—
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Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.
KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th Sept., 1927.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 23rd, 1928.

On LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer... 2/0 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand... 2/0 8 1/8
Bank Bills, at 80 days' sight... 1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight... 1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight... 2 1/8
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight... 2 1/4

On PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand... 124 5/8
Credits, 4 months' sight... 124 5/8

On NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand... 49 1/2
Credits, at 80 days' sight... 50 1/2

On HONGKONG:—
Telegraphic Transfer... 13 1/4
Bank Bills, on demand... 13 1/4

On CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer... 134 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand... 134 1/2

On SHANGHAI:—
Bank Bills, at sight... 78 1/2
Bank Bills, 80 days' sight... 78 1/2
On YOKOHAMA:—On demand... 104 1/2
On MANILA:—On demand... 88 1/2
On SINGAPORE:—On demand... 87 1/2
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